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State Sen. Sue Tucker lets State Representative candidate Barbara L'Italien know how Democratic voters felt about her. L'Italien beat Kevin Shea.

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## Primary color: Green for Finegold, L'Italien

Marasco also gets green light to face Tucker on ballot

By Rebecca Piro

Andover voters differed slightly from most Massachusetts voters in the biggest race of Tuesday's primary: the race for the Democratic nomination for governor, where Robert Reich topped Shannon O'Brien in town.

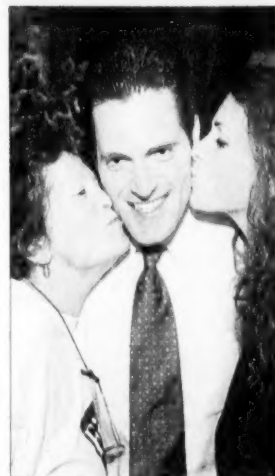
Overall, a total of 6,116 voters came out to the polls, and otherwise matched the rest of the Commonwealth's choices for the primary election.

Andover's turnout was roughly 30 percent of its registered voters, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson, who spent most of the day at Andover High School's Field House. "It's not bad. We got our little rush at the end," she said. "I've had state primary (votes) at 12 percent."

Andover's numbers were enough to make incumbent Barry Finegold happy. He swept all Andover precincts in the 17th

Essex state representative race with a tally of 1,793 in Andover. His opponent Michael Frishman lost with 537 votes (see story, page 7).

Resident Barbara L'Italien also enjoyed hometown support, claiming the win to be the Democratic candidate for the newly-drawn 18th Essex District seat. She collected 1,161 votes in Andover compared with George-  
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Rep. Barry Finegold celebrates his victory with kisses from his mom, Sondra, and wife, Amy.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

## Kids: Not facing the music

Program change causes dropoff

By Ben Hellman

Music parents' and teachers' fears seem to be coming to pass. The fee-based, after-school instrumental program has more than cut in half the number of elementary students taking instrumental music.

Last spring outraged parents flocked to School Committee meetings when they discovered that elementary instrumental music lessons would no longer be offered during the school day. Parents and music teachers said that such a change couldn't be done. It would be impossible, they said, to build an after-school program that would replace the approximately 47-year-old, in-school, elementary instrumental music program and accommodate the current level of student participation.

Now, the numbers are trickling in. Fewer than 150 students have rented instruments this year as compared to 300 last year. Parents and teachers say the drop in the number of students taking lessons is probably much worse than that. More than 400 elementary students were involved in the elementary instrumental music program and accommodate the current level of student participation.

"(The program) is in jeopardy. We're trying to save it. It is in jeopardy and it's a real shame," said Pauline Sparages, a retired Bancroft music teacher

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## RAZING THE ROOF AT SAFETY CENTER



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

After several delays, workers finally tore down the former safety center on Monday. The new police station has already been built behind the footprint of the old center, and work on a new fire station will begin soon.

## Next up: New fire station

By Rebecca Piro

As the bricks of the old public-safety center tumbled down Monday morning, town employee Joan Lemieux picked one up.

"I'm really glad I came," she said, a hint of sentimentality creeping across her face. "I have my brick."

Lemieux, a secretary for the town's fire-prevention office — which at one time was housed in

the public-safety center — was one of many Andover residents and employees who stopped at the North Main Street site to watch backhoes rip the building apart.

The demolition signals the beginning of phase two of the \$13-million safety-center project. The first phase of the project, building a new police station, is completed; the new station is just

behind the footprint of the old facility. The second phase involves building the new fire station where the old safety center stood until this week. The project is a year behind schedule, and the demolition of the old safety center was supposed to happen two weeks ago.

Despite town-wide eagerness for the project to be completed,

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## State on frog: 'Nothing quite like it'

Wants town to watch for more

By Ben Hellman

A state official says that the deformed frog found in Andover a few weeks ago is so unique he wants people to report any other strange amphibians they find in town.

"I've never seen anything quite like it," says Tom French, assistant director of natural heritage at the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. "It is a mystery to be solved."

Roberta Dell'Anno, the Andover mom who found the freaky frog in a pond during a routine outing with her children in the Phillips Academy bird sanctuary, dropped off her odd specimen to French on Sept. 3.

The bullfrog was adult size, but was missing a front limb and had a large tail protruding from behind its head. The frogs abdomen and legs were also swollen, as if inflated with air.



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Roberta Dell'Anno froze the strange frog she found, much to the wonder of state scientists.

"He wants me to continue to look for samples," said Dell'Anno. That's good enough for her. "Next summer when I'm out with my kids I will continue to look for weird frogs."

French hopes that this will be "a heads up" for local residents. "Andover is now in the national data base," he said. If people find more deformed frogs in the area, says French, "Report it."

French plans to send the frog to the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. The specimen will offer researchers "a point of reference" if more frogs turn up with similar deformities.

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## New director named

## Out with the old at Historical Society



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Elaine Clements Zopes is now director and wants people to know "Andover's history is happening now."

By Rebecca Piro

Elaine Clements Zopes won't be hired her as an interim director last January. The plan was for Zopes to assess the organization and advise the board on what type of director would best fit. Zopes, a Billerica resident with a masters in museum administration and about 13 years of experience, says she and the Society agreed that the match was a good one.

"It became apparent that the Society's interests and my interests meshed," she says. Her plan is to coordinate events and projects with town departments, like Andover Youth Services, Community Services, Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Senior Center, to raise the histor-

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know Andover, as the historical society

**"The Historical Society is much more than the 1820s."**

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■ **Sports.** Editor Bill Burt says the Patriots are not just good... they're the greatest.





## Zappala to lead Eagle-Tribune's weekly newspaper group

New role, promotion for *Townsmen's* general manager

Ellen K. Zappala has been named vice president of Eagle-Tribune Publishing's Weekly Newspaper Group, president and publisher Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III announced today.

"For years, Ellen's sales experience and managerial leadership have contributed to the growth and success of several of our weekly papers," Rogers said. "I'm grateful she's agreed to take on this new role as we work to strengthen our regional business and streamline operations."

Since May 1998, Zappala has been general manager of the *Haverhill Gazette*, Eagle-Tribune Publishing's weekly newspaper serving Haverhill, Mass. She was named to lead the *Andover Townsman*, serving Andover, in January 2001.

Prior to that, she had worked for seven years as advertising director of Eagle-Tribune Publishing's *Derry News & Weekender*, serving Derry, Londonderry, and surrounding communities in Southern New Hampshire.



Ellen Zappala

In her new role, Zappala will also oversee the Eagle-Tribune's recently acquired *Carriage Towne News*, serving Southern New Hampshire communities along the Route 125 corridor.

"In all of the communities they serve, these papers are readers' top picks for local news and advertising," Rogers said.

"That's due in large part to Ellen's work in several critical roles at our weeklies over the last decade, as well as to her enthusiasm for collaborating closely with community leaders. She was the natural — and far and away the best — choice for this newly created position," he said.

Zappala looks forward to the challenge of continuing to build the weekly newspaper group.

"This is a great opportunity," she said. "Eagle-Tribune Publishing's growth and acquisitions over the last year and more place the company in an even better position to offer area customers the best com-

munity news and advertising products in the marketplace."

In June, Eagle-Tribune Publishing acquired *The Salem News*, serving Salem, Peabody, Beverly, and Danvers, Mass., and surrounding communities; *Gloucester Daily Times*, serving Gloucester, Rockport, Essex and Manchester, Mass.; and *The Daily News of Newburyport*, serving Newburyport and nearby towns.

The company acquired *Carriage Towne News* in September 2001.

Zappala began her newspaper-advertising career in 1981 at North Shore Weeklies newspaper group, and also served as advertising director of *Worcester Magazine*.

She is a member of the board of directors of the New England Press Association.

Zappala is also a member of The Rotary Club of Haverhill and serves on the Executive Committee of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of the Northern Essex Community College Foundation, and Home Health VNA.

She lives in South Hampton, N.H.

### Low bidder issue

## Finneran pledges he'll target school construction

House speaker responds to town's complaint about law

By Rebecca Piro

The selectmen have received a personal pledge from a major political player regarding their demand for change in the public-construction law.

The response came one week after selectmen mailed a letter requesting improvements to the law, which many communities believe forces them to accept contractors they fear cannot do the job appropriately.

"Tom Finneran (Speaker of the House of Representatives) called looking for me," says Selectman Ray Hender excitedly, noting that the politician called the town manager's office at the early hour of 7:30 a.m. Friday. "He wanted to thank us, the Board of Selectmen, for copying him on the letter."

Selectmen wrote the letter with the help of town counsel Tom Urbel, and listed suggestions for improving the law. They say the current laws don't hold contractors accountable for their work, and they don't give communities the choice to reject an unqualified, undependable bidder.

Selectmen decided to write



House Speaker Tom Finneran has told selectmen the issue of how contractors are selected for public jobs will be discussed next session.

The selectmen's suggestions the letter after almost not opening Andover's two new schools this September, despite wrestling with the contractor in weekly meetings and withholding several thousand dollars of payment. The town's public safety center is also one year behind schedule.

include allowing communities to choose from the three lowest bidders; protecting communities from lawsuits filed by rejected contractors; and allowing a community to sue a contractor if that contractor fails to complete a building on time.

Selectmen sent copies of the letter to Finneran, Senate President Tom Birmingham, state Sen. Sue Tucker, state Reps. Barry Finegold and David Nangle and the Mass. Municipal Association.

In a message he left for Hender at the town manager's office, Finneran promised that he would make sure the issue would be part of the House's discussion when the next legislative session begins in January.

Barry Finegold, the Andover state representative who has worked with selectmen on this issue, promised to file a bill on the issue himself if he is reelected for another term. He essentially was Tuesday night, as he faces no competition in the general election.

"Maybe we're getting somewhere," Hender says hopefully.

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## Zopes eyes present

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ical society's profile. This summer the Historical Society participated in Bazaar Days for the first time ever, under Zopes' direction. She's planning a new tour of the Amos Blanchard House — the 1820s home that houses the organization — and it will highlight the building's architecture, rather than the social history of the period in general. She's looking forward to a traveling exhibit of the Underground Railroad, scheduled to premiere in Andover early next year. She's planning new bus trips and brown-bag lunch lectures. Zopes also wants to communicate her personal philosophy to townspeople: "Andover's history is happening now."

"There are issues facing the town, things happening, buildings going up and buildings coming down," she says. "I want to find out what people want from the society. In a dialogue like that, (an organization can) secure an important place in the community."

Since joining the historical society in January, Zopes says the staff — most of it relatively new — is beginning to come together. The historical society's annual Used Book and Vinyl Sale, held last weekend, was a success as well and met its goal of raising \$5,000.

"All organizations go through cycles and peaks and valleys," she says. "They all take time to rebuild."

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## PAST AND PRESENT



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T.A. Holt and Co. was a groceries and dry goods business in the basement of Baptist Church on Central Street for many years. The firm's name dates back to 1875, but the photo at top is undated. The photo immediately above shows the corner of Central and Essex streets and the church as they look today.

## Gift of ambulance

On Sunday, Sept. 8, at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, members of the Jewish community dedicated a new ambulance before sending it off to Israel. More than \$60,000 was raised in the last three months to purchase the ambulance from an American manufacturer. According to Rabbi Robert Goldstein, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel of Andover, "supporters from throughout the Merrimack Valley helped make this symbol of hope a reality. The ambulance is a symbol of our confidence in the basic goodness of humankind, no matter their national identity or religion, and their desire to bring healing to the Middle East conflict."

The dedication was intentionally timed to coincide with the anniversary of September 11 and the beginning of the Jewish New Year. "It is a reflection of our belief that we can make the world a saner and safer place for all people," said Goldstein.

## Coming: Weekend of walks and water

The Essex National Heritage Commission presents *Trails and Sails: A Weekend of Walks and Water*, Sept. 28 and 29. The event features more than 100 free events at 60 different locations throughout Essex County.

The weekend will feature events for every age, skill level and interest and will include guided tours, hikes, walks, sails, paddles and festivals.

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## Quote, unquote . . .

PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT to have business as usual.

— Andover resident Barbara L'Italien, who will represent the Democratic party on the general-election ticket for the new 18th Essex District. (Story, page 6)

IF THEY FIND SOMEONE THEY LIKE TO CUT THEIR HAIR, they're with you until the day they die — why not cater to them?

— Danielle Lemay, co-owner of the recently opened Priority Male, a salon strictly for men. (Story, page 9)

TODAY, KIDS ARE STARTING to wear heavy backpacks when they are very young. Some of their bones have not even developed yet and bones do respond to strain. The medical population is worried about the long-term effects.

— Dr. Mary Ann Wilmarth of Andover on her backpack study done at Pike School. (Story, page 13)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, Sept. 19

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

School Building Committee, Wood Hill Middle School, 11 Cross St., 6 p.m.

Preservation Commission, site visits to 9 Locke St., 437 North Main St., 6, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

## Monday, Sept. 23

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Sept. 24

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Sept. 25

Council on Aging Task Force, Senior Center, Whittier Court, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Sept. 26

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

## Regional meeting today to address sewer overflow

The Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (GLSD) will hold a public meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 19, to discuss the problem of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the Greater Lawrence area and to review ways to improve the waste-water collection, transmission and treatment systems within the district. The GLSD service area includes the communities of Andover,

Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover and Salem, N.H.

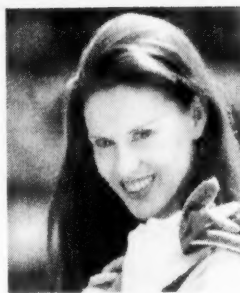
A public meeting will be held today, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Thomson Elementary School cafeteria, 266 Waverly Road, North Andover to gather input from the public on the recommended long-term CSO control plan and the associated impacts to ratepayers.

Combined sewers are com-

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Conor and Bryce Davidson had instrumental music lessons during the school day last year at Bancroft. This year, no elementary students can do so, and significantly fewer are taking lessons at all.

## Many drop lessons

■ **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**  
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who was asked to help Diana Kolben, Fine Arts Coordinator of special projects, to administer the new program.

"I was extremely disappointed that it was taken from the school day," said Sparages. She said that she stepped in "rather than see the whole thing go down the tubes."

Sparages was called in at the beginning of August this year to handle the daunting task of matching students from the six elementary schools with appropriate teachers. "It's a herculean task. We're 45 percent there," she said. Sparages and Kolben have found 26 teachers, all independent contractors out of the school system, to teach the lessons.

Instrumental lessons will start next week. Thirty 30-minute lessons are offered at:

- \$340 for a small group of three to five students,
- \$420 for semi-private lessons, and
- \$700 for private lessons.

Sparages says that she is trying to schedule students' lessons at the school they attend, but students may have to travel to another school to take the lessons.

Superintendent Claudia Bach preferred to look at the whole of the fee-based system before interpreting the effects. "I have chosen to wait. We're anticipating there will be a drop," she said.

"I think it's part of the whole picture," said Bach. She says that parents and students will have to decide where their priorities lie. "People will be making choices at all levels."

A parent music group, Friends of Andover Music Education (FAME) spent the summer organizing and applying for non-profit status to help improve the instrumental music situation.

FAME meets on the third Wednesday of the month, currently at the West Middle media center. They can be reached at <www.famegroup.org>.

## Wood Hill selection dusts custodians

By Rebecca Piro

School custodians have filed an official complaint regarding the administration's hiring choices for the new High Plain and Wood Hill schools.

The grievance was filed recently by Charlie Croteau, union president for the custodians and a senior custodian at Sanborn School. While he declined to go into detail at this time, Croteau told the *Townsmen* in August that many veteran custodians are disgruntled that the new schools hired "outsiders" — newcomers to the town — for key positions.

The senior custodian for the two new schools, for example, is Dan Dowd, a man who only recently began working for Andover. Other custodians who have worked in town for years would have appre-

ciated the opportunity to move into that senior position, Croteau has said.

Wood Hill Principal Norah McCarthy says she stands by her hiring choices.

"We've gone through the process in an appropriate and just fashion," she says. "Whatever we need to do to convince the union, we will do that."

Rumors that some of the new schools' custodians have walked out on the job in protest are untrue, McCarthy adds.

"No one has left. I've heard the word on the street, but it's not true," she says. "No one yet."

In August, Croteau said he was unhappy about the administration's choices, but noted that it did not appear to have broken the contract between the schools and the union. The administration interviewed every

interested union member for the eight jobs available, as required by the union's contract. The contract does not require the administration to hire them.

Croteau, who has worked for Andover for 26 years, would not comment on what made him decide to file the grievance regardless. However, he has said that it's an issue of respect for the veteran custodians. He says that Bernie Tuttle, the schools business manager, initially denied the grievance, but offered to sit down with him and discuss it. "I'm going to take him up on (it)," Croteau says.

That meeting was scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, after *Townsmen* press time. McCarthy and High Plain Elementary Principal Brenda O'Brien were scheduled to attend the meeting as well.

## Janitors threaten strike over wages, benefits

Pickets along River and Shattuck roads part of Boston union effort

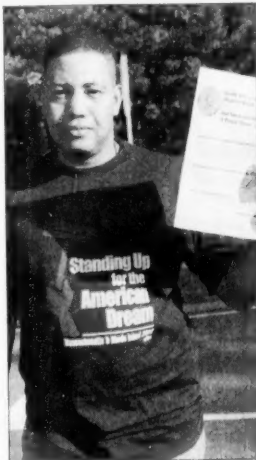
By Rebecca Piro

Boston-based janitors announced Monday that they will strike in two weeks if an agreement for more money and health benefits is not reached before then.

Shock waves from that strike could hit Andover, as some of those janitors work in buildings that are managed by Boston Properties — one of the biggest commercial real-estate owners in the state — and are located in town.

Janitors picketed along River and Shattuck roads last week to bring their message home, saying it would cost only a half cent for every rental dollar taken in on commercial real estate in Boston and surrounding suburbs to give janitors a living wage and health insurance.

A majority of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) voted two weeks ago to authorize a strike of 10,000 local janitors, whose contract expired Aug. 31. Those janitors, who mostly work in Boston, are negotiating a new contract with the cleaning companies who hire them, such as American Cleaning and Unico. They are asking for a raise over a three-year period from an average of \$8.50 an hour to \$12.50 an hour, as well as health insurance for part-time workers.



Pedro Romero, a Lucent employee for five years, earns \$8.50 per hour.

"We're going to fight to the end," said Elias Ventura Garcia, a janitor at the Prudential Center in Boston. "We're not going to wait another four years."

About 40 workers met at the Mobil gas station on River Road and paraded to an Agilent Technologies building on Shattuck Road, owned and managed by Boston Properties, where four janitors work. Boston Properties will take in about \$4.8 billion in rent this year, said Lauren Jacobs, organizing director for SEIU. SEIU is hoping to pressure real-estate owners to pay the cleaning companies more, which in turn, SEIU says, should pay janitors more.



Maria Valenera was one of several janitors looking to receive more money and better health benefits by picketing in Andover last week.

"These real-estate companies continue to perform well on the stock market (but don't compensate the janitors)," said Jacobs.

Two representatives from Boston Properties stood close to the building's driveway watching the protesters. Both declined to comment.

Two Andover firefighters, who are embroiled in a battle for their own new contract, joined Monday's picket. At least one employee from Lucent Technologies, which suffered layoffs last year, joined the parade as well.

"We know what it's like to lose jobs. We're all in it together," said Gary Nillson, a Lucent employee and member of Local

1365 Communications Workers of America.

In June, when the end of the janitors' contract was in sight, about 80 people gathered to protest outside of the same Agilent building.

Pedro Romero, a janitor at Lucent Technologies who protested Monday, earns about \$8.50 an hour, though he's worked for Lucent since 1997. He says he works a part-time and a full-time shift to provide for his wife and three daughters.

"It's pretty hard," said Pablo Ruiz, an SEIU member who translated Romero's Spanish. "He wants to be able to survive on one job like everyone else."

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## Little sadness for old center

### ■ SAFETY CENTER

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many bystanders sighed wistfully.

"It's kind of sad, because it's historical," said Barbara Innes, a Juniper Road resident who brought her camera to capture the moment. Clark Road resident Cliff Lawrence stood next to her, his own camera in hand, remembering years ago when the fire station was located behind Old Town Hall. "Things change," he shrugged.

The building that came down Monday was built in the 1970s. Town Meeting decided to build a bigger, up-to-date facility by approving money for the current project in 1999. The town hired general contractor Mello Construction to do the job, and Mello broke ground in October 2000.

Since then, the project has faced several problems. The contractor has blamed the town, as well as last year's winter weather, for its slow start. In February 2001, workers found large oil drums and ledge underground, setting the project back further.

Last month, police moved into their new quarters, phase one of the project, several months later than originally scheduled. Police Chief Brian Pattullo said he worked hard to get everyone out of the old building quickly, because the contractor claimed to be in a hurry to knock it down. He was frustrated to watch the empty building sit idle for weeks, as the demolition date was delayed repeatedly.

"Welcome to the world of public construction. Hurry up and wait," said Joe Piantadosi, the town's Plant and Facilities director. The sub-contractor hired for the demolition claimed to have trouble finding workers and difficulty securing permits to do the job, he said. Now that the building is down, it will take about a week to clean up the rubble. He's hopeful that Mello can meet its current target finishing date of June 2003 – still nine months later than the original schedule.

"I think that they have a shot at it," said Piantadosi. "If they put the labor forces on the site and do the work, it's doable."

The second phase of the project, the fire station, should be easier because the utilities and communications equipment is already complete, he added.

At least one public-safety



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lt. Jim Hashem and Officer Kevin Burke saved the police shield above that stood above the former entrance to the now demolished safety center.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A firefighter hoses down what used to be the bay area of the Central Fire Station at 32 North Main Street.

employee isn't satisfied with the way the project is going. Fire Lt. Barry Thornton, a 15-year veteran of the department, is worried the new fire station will resemble the new police station, which he describes as cold and segregated from the public.

"Everyone is inaccessible," he said, referring to the locked doors, thick glass and high security separating visitors from the officers. "It doesn't seem to be

friendly and warm anymore. It doesn't seem to be a community (facility)."

Firefighter Jim Dalton, who wants construction to be completed so he can leave the temporary station at Spring Grove Cemetery, said he's not surprised.

"Unfortunately, it's a sign of the times. You never know these days," he said.

### Selectmen discussion

## Early retirement: Possible savings – if freeze on hiring

By Rebecca Piro

Will letting town employees retire early help or hurt Andover?

That's what selectmen must decide as they ponder whether to adopt the state's Early Retirement Incentive plan.

It's a one-time opportunity that, if adopted, would allow as many as 151 Andover employees to retire early by Dec. 31 of this year. Selectmen must adopt the plan by Nov. 1 if they want the town to participate.

The plan, passed by the legislature last year, authorizes municipalities to tack up to five years onto an employee's seniority, giving them the ability to retire early. That employee, depending on his or her years of experience and salary, also receives a one-time stipend, in addition to his or her pension, that can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

Selectmen can limit the number of employees who can

benefit from the plan. If Andover adopted the plan for a maximum of 20 employees, it could cost the town between \$110,000 and \$120,000 per year, estimates Jim Cuticchia, chairman of the Contributory Retirement Board.

Andover currently has in excess of \$60 million in its retirement fund, says Cuticchia, adding that, with the exception of the last couple years, the fund has earned about 12 percent in returns.

The plan can help communities during tight budget times, he says. If senior employees retire, the community could have the opportunity to hire newcomers at a lower salary, or not fill the position at all.

"There's money that can be saved ... by freezing any rehiring," says Everett Penney, the town's health director and a member of the Andover Independent Employees Association, which has endorsed the plan.

But the plan could end up costing a municipality more than it saves. "Early retirement only makes sense if it goes along with a plan to reduce the number of positions (in a community)," says Joanne Marden, chairwoman of the Finance Committee. "If it doesn't, it's an additional expense for the town, with all the benefits going to the employees who retire. It gets expensive."

In addition, many of the positions that some employees might leave absolutely need to be filled again – and possibly at the same salary – eliminating any opportunity for savings, she adds.

Other municipalities have adopted the plan, she says, because it's easier to retire employees than lay them off. She wants town officials to decide whether reducing positions is a part of Andover's future before deciding whether this plan is truly beneficial for the town.

## One-of-a-kind frog puts Andover in North American data base

### ■ MALFORMATION

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French says that the leading causes of frog deformities are nematodes, tiny parasites that damage developing tissues, or pesticides. He said that the "bubbling" that occurred in Dell'Anno's frog was not characteristic of problems caused by nematodes.

But testing for toxicity isn't the answer, says French. "Most of the pesticides I deal with are extremely difficult to detect," he said. Chemicals may have affected the frog in its developmental stage and no

longer be present in the frog.

If there was a serious environmental problem, there would be greater number of frogs being found, said French. But he pointed out that from the time DDT poisoning became

evident in Massachusetts' bird populations in 1947, it was only 10 years before the last falcon roosted in Massachusetts.

The national data base for reporting amphibian deformity is kept by the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations or NAR-CAM. It can be reached at [cnpwc.usgs.gov/narcam](mailto:cnpwc.usgs.gov/narcam). Tom French can be contacted at 508-972-7270.

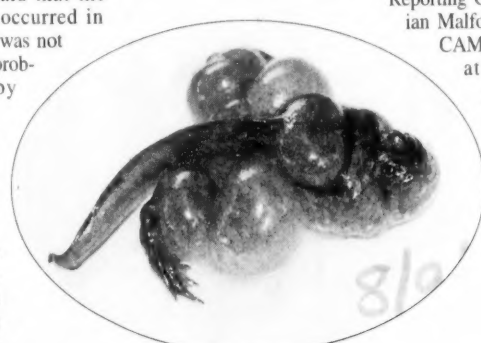



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERTA DELL'ANNO

The malformed frog found by an Andover woman at Phillips Academy's bird sanctuary has attracted continental attention because it is so unique.



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Two steam shovels sit inside what used to be Andover's Central Fire Station, after tearing down the town's former safety center.



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Stopping Shea - Barbara L'Italien, waving to a voter while eying a photographer, easily outdistanced fellow Democratic candidate Kevin Shea in the Democratic primary for the newly formed 18th Essex District. She'll face off against two other candidates in the general election, including Republican Kathy Sachs, who had supporters of her own at the primary.

## L'Italien speaks to voters

### Andoverite is Democrat's choice in new 18th

By Jason Grosky

Used to the grind of going door-to-door in 90-degree heat, Barbara A. L'Italien is looking forward to some cooler weather as she moved a step closer to becoming state representative for the new 18th Essex district.

"I'm ready for six more weeks," the 41-year-old Andover resident said last night after capturing the Democratic nomination over Kevin B. Shea of Georgetown.

Riding an overwhelming victory in her hometown Andover, L'Italien beat Shea, 2,522 to 2,069. The new district represents 23,613 voters from sections of Haverhill, Andover, North Andover, Methuen, Georgetown and Boxford.

L'Italien advances to the Nov. 5 final election against two Georgetown candidates: Kathleen Sachs, a Republican and former town select-

man, and the unenrolled Alfred J. DiPietro.

Shea, 47, immediately threw his support behind L'Italien last night. He called L'Italien just before 9 p.m. and conceded defeat, even before voting tallies from North Andover and Methuen were known.

"Her message has resonated with the voters of the 18th Essex, and this is a society where majority rules," said Shea, a Worcester native and staff director for House of Representatives Committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

L'Italien celebrated her with family and supporters at her campaign headquarters next to the Mango Grille in North Andover.

"People didn't want to have business as usual," said L'Italien, a full-time mother of four making her first bid for public office. "People wanted someone working out in the community and investing in our

children and investing in our elders."

L'Italien has put \$16,100 of her own money into her campaign, leaving her with a war chest of \$27,683.

Shea, who raised \$18,100, said he underestimated his opponent's campaign's financial strength.

Shea said the great crushing blow was L'Italien's victory in her hometown. She beating him 1,161 to 242 in Andover. Shea, who said he needed to win Haverhill to have a good shot at victory, lost there, 418 to 394.

He wondered whether his automated campaign calls to residents' homes yesterday aggravated people and cost him some votes.

As for L'Italien, she said she's ready for her two opponents.

"The voters really chose someone with new perspective," she said.

## Andover wanted Reich

### ■ PRIMARY

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town resident Kevin Shea's 242 votes. (See story at left.)

In terms of the gubernatorial race, O'Brien was the clear-cut winner throughout the state, chosen to go up against sole Republican runner Mitt Romney. But in Andover her support faltered.

Reich took in the most Andover ballots for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, tallying 1,547 votes. O'Brien fell short with 1,276.

Jim Sciabarrasi, a Countryside Way resident, wasn't surprised to hear that Reich won in Andover.

"I think a lot of people in Andover thought this through. He's obviously very bright," he said. "His goal of economic development is strong. It's what's needed."

Reich spoke at a fundraiser held at the Andover Inn last week in a last-minute effort to swing Andover voters over to his side.

O'Brien, too, has spent time in Andover campaigning, says Nancy O'Connor Stolberg, chair of town Democratic Committee and an O'Brien supporter.

"I'm delighted," she

said of O'Brien's win, adding that she's not surprised that Reich garnered more votes in Andover than O'Brien. "We had four wonderful candidates."

In Andover, gubernatorial Democratic candidates Warren Tolman and Tom Birmingham landed in third and fourth place,

with 549 and 527 votes, respectively. Steve Grossman, who had dropped out of the race, garnered 25 votes.

About 1,941 Andover Republicans checked off Mitt Romney - who is running without a same-party opponent - for the governor's race. Like the rest of the state, Andover chose Kerry Healey over Jim Rappaport for lieutenant governor with 1,416 votes.

Andover Democrats joined the rest of the Commonwealth in voting for Chris Gabrieli for lieutenant governor granting him 1,446 votes. He and O'Brien will face off against Healey and Romney.

Andover rallied for Democrat Tim Cahill for state treasurer nominee, and Dan Grabauskas for his Republican opponent, again matching the majority of Massachusetts voters.

The turnout in Andover approximately matched the turnout seen throughout the state, as predicted earlier Tuesday by Secretary of State William Galvin. He estimated that about 28 percent of the state's 3.9 million registered voters would cast ballots.



Liz Hoar gets a little help from her young son, Joseph, as she votes at the Andover High School Field House on Tuesday. Hoar was one of 6,116 Andover voters, according to the town's unofficial results.



Helen West, an election official, checks in a voter from Precinct 1, at the Andover Senior Center on Tuesday. The senior center was one of two polling places in town.

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## HOW ANDOVER VOTED

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### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY Governor's Race

Thomas F. Birmingham	527
Steven Grossman	25
✓ Shannon P. O'Brien	1276
Robert B. Reich	1547
Warren E. Tolman	549
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	55

### Lt. Governor's Race

✓ Christopher Gabrieli	1446
Lois G. Pines	1244
John P. Slattery	731
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	560

### District Attorney Race

✓ Jonathan W. Blodgett	720
John J. Burke	2533
Rick Grundy	224
Write-in Votes	3
Blanks	500

### Representative 17th Essex District

✓ Barry R. Finegold	1793
Michael Frishman	537
Write-in Votes	0
Blanks	124

### Representative 18th Essex District

✓ Barbara A. L'Italien	1161
Kevin Bryan Shea	242
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	126

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY Lt. Governor's Race

✓ Kerry Murphy Healy	1416
Jim Rappaport	680
Write-in Votes	0
Blanks	35

### Treasurer

✓ Daniel A. Grabauskas	1076
Bruce A. Herzfelder	701
Write-in Votes	1
Blanks	349

### Representative in Congress Race (5th)

✓ Charles McCarthy	971
Thomas Tierney	719
Write-in Votes	3
Blanks	431

✓ indicates statewide winner of office. Numbers represent how Andover voters only voted.

### Senate contest ahead

## Republican Marasco not to be written off

By Ben Hellman

Maria Marasco had tears in her eyes as she announced the unofficial results. The write-in candidate for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex senate seat received 468 write-in nominations in Andover alone, unofficially. She needed 300 to get on the general-election ballot in November. She will oppose incumbent senator Sue Tucker.

"You know that all the work begins tomorrow," Marasco said to her supporters gathered at campaign headquarters on 89 North Main St.

"Senator," said Andover Selectman Brian Major, greeting Marasco with the unofficial Andover counts.

Marasco said she'd be out Wednesday morning with a "thank you" sign. Her next move will be to thank her supporters, regroup and launch into the full campaign.

Marasco plans to accept an invitation from the League of Women Voters to debate Sen. Tucker.

Tucker ran as an unopposed incumbent and received 3,210 votes in Andover.

### REICH ROMPS HERE, BUT NOT ACROSS STATE



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover's Democratic voters wanted Robert Reich to be their governor – or at least to be on the general-election ballot. They gave him 1,547 votes. Shannon O'Brien, who won the statewide total, received 1,276 votes here. No other Democratic gubernatorial candidate collected more than 550 votes in Andover. Mitt Romney, running unopposed in the primary, collected 1,941 votes on the Republican ballot.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Sondra Finegold, mother of incumbent State Rep. Barry Finegold, pours over the election results Tuesday night, which are posted by Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

## House call for Finegold

By Rebecca Piro

One word describes Tuesday's primary victory for the incumbent in the 17th Essex District – landslide.

Andover resident Barry Finegold will serve another term as state representative after walking away with an unofficial 3,067 to 997 victory; in Andover tallies only, he received 1,793 votes to his opponent Michael Frishman's 537. He won in each of his Andover precincts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

The winner was relaxed Tuesday night at Glory Restaurant, celebrating the victory with family and friends.

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Stopping Shea - Barbara L'Italien, waving to a voter while eying a photographer, easily outdistanced fellow Democratic candidate Kevin Shea in the Democratic primary for the newly formed 18th Essex District. She'll face off against two other candidates in the general election, including Republican Kathy Sachs, who had supporters of her own at the primary.

## L'Italien speaks to voters

### Andoverite is Democrat's choice in new 18th

By Jason Grosky

Used to the grind of going door-to-door in 90-degree heat, Barbara A. L'Italien is looking forward to some cooler weather as she moved a step closer to becoming state representative for the new 18th Essex district.

"I'm ready for six more weeks," the 41-year-old Andover resident said last night after capturing the Democratic nomination over Kevin B. Shea of Georgetown.

Riding an overwhelming victory in her hometown Andover, L'Italien beat Shea, 2,522 to 2,069. The new district represents 23,613 voters from sections of Haverhill, Andover, North Andover, Methuen, Georgetown and Boxford.

L'Italien advances to the Nov. 5 final election against two Georgetown candidates: Kathleen Sachs, a Republican and former town select-

man, and the unenrolled Alfred J. DiPietro.

Shea, 47, immediately threw his support behind L'Italien last night. He called L'Italien just before 9 p.m. and conceded defeat, even before voting tallies from North Andover and Methuen were known.

"Her message has resonated with the voters of the 18th Essex, and this is a society where majority rules," said Shea, a Worcester native and staff director for House of Representatives Committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

L'Italien celebrated her with family and supporters at her campaign headquarters next to the Mango Grille in North Andover.

"People didn't want to have business as usual," said L'Italien, a full-time mother of four making her first bid for public office. "People wanted someone working out in the community and investing in our

children and investing in our elders."

L'Italien has put \$16,100 of her own money into her campaign, leaving her with a war chest of \$27,683.

Shea, who raised \$18,100, said he underestimated his opponent's campaign's financial strength.

Shea said the great crushing blow was L'Italien's victory in her hometown. She beating him 1,161 to 242 in Andover. Shea, who said he needed to win Haverhill to have a good shot at victory, lost there, 418 to 394.

He wondered whether his automated campaign calls to residents' homes yesterday aggravated people and cost him some votes.

As for L'Italien, she said she's ready for her two opponents.

"The voters really chose someone with new perspective," she said.

## Andover wanted Reich

### ■ PRIMARY

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town resident Kevin Shea's 242 votes. (See story at left.)

In terms of the gubernatorial race, O'Brien was the clear-cut winner throughout the state, chosen to go up against sole Republican runner Mitt Romney. But in Andover her support faltered.

Reich took in the most Andover ballots for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, tallying 1,547 votes. O'Brien fell short with 1,276.

Jim Sciabarrasi, a Countryside Way resident, wasn't surprised to hear that Reich won in Andover.

"I think a lot of people in Andover thought this through. He's obviously very bright," he said. "His goal of economic development is strong. It's what's needed."

Reich spoke at a fundraiser held at the Andover Inn last week in a last-minute effort to swing Andover voters over to his side.

O'Brien, too, has spent time in Andover campaigning, says Nancy O'Connor Stolberg, chair of town Democratic Committee and an O'Brien supporter.

"I'm delighted," she

said of O'Brien's win, adding that she's not surprised that Reich garnered more votes in Andover than O'Brien. "We had four wonderful candidates."

In Andover, gubernatorial Democratic candidates Warren Tolman and Tom Birmingham landed in third and fourth place,

with 549 and 527 votes, respectively. Steve Grossman, who had dropped out of the race, garnered 25 votes.

About 1,941 Andover Republicans checked off Mitt Romney - who is running without a same-party opponent - for the governor's race. Like the rest of the state, Andover chose Kerry Healey over Jim Rappaport for lieutenant governor with 1,416 votes.

Andover Democrats joined the rest of the Commonwealth in voting for Chris Gabrieli for lieutenant governor granting him 1,446 votes. He and O'Brien will face off against Healey and Romney.

Andover rallied for Democrat Tim Cahill for state treasurer nominee, and Dan Grabauskas for his Republican opponent, again matching the majority of Massachusetts voters.

The turnout in Andover approximately matched the turnout seen throughout the state, as predicted earlier Tuesday by Secretary of State William Galvin. He estimated that about 28 percent of the state's 3.9 million registered voters would cast ballots.



Liz Hoar gets a little help from her young son, Joseph, as she votes at the Andover High School Field House on Tuesday. Hoar was one of 6,116 Andover voters, according to the town's unofficial results.



Helen West, an election official, checks in a voter from Precinct 1, at the Andover Senior Center on Tuesday. The senior center was one of two polling places in town.

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### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY Governor's Race

Thomas F. Birmingham	527
Steven Grossman	25
✓ Shannon P. O'Brien	1276
Robert B. Reich	1547
Warren E. Tolman	549
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	55

### Lt. Governor's Race

✓ Christopher Gabrieli	1446
Lois G. Pines	1244
John P. Slattery	731
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	560

### District Attorney Race

✓ Jonathan W. Blodgett	720
John J. Burke	2533
Rick Grundy	224
Write-in Votes	3
Blanks	500

### Representative 17th Essex District

✓ Barry R. Finegold	1793
Michael Frishman	537
Write-in Votes	0
Blanks	124

### Representative 18th Essex District

✓ Barbara A. L'Italien	1161
Kevin Bryan Shea	242
Write-in Votes	2
Blanks	126

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY Lt. Governor's Race

✓ Kerry Murphy Healy	1416
Jim Rappaport	680
Write-in Votes	0
Blanks	35

### Treasurer

✓ Daniel A. Grabauskas	1076
Bruce A. Herzfelder	701
Write-in Votes	1
Blanks	349

### Representative in Congress Race (5th)

✓ Charles McCarthy	971
Thomas Tierney	719
Write-in Votes	3
Blanks	431

✓ indicates statewide winner of office. Numbers represent how Andover voters only voted.

### Senate contest ahead

## Republican Marasco not to be written off

By Ben Hellman

Maria Marasco had tears in her eyes as she announced the unofficial results. The write-in candidate for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex senate seat received 468 write-in nominations in Andover alone, unofficially. She needed 300 to get on the general-election ballot in November. She will oppose incumbent senator Sue Tucker.

"You know that all the work begins tomorrow," Marasco said to her supporters gathered at campaign headquarters on 89 North Main St.

"Senator," said Andover Selectman Brian Major, greeting Marasco with the unofficial Andover counts.

Marasco said she'd be out Wednesday morning with a "thank you" sign. Her next move will be to thank her supporters, regroup and launch into the full campaign.

Marasco plans to accept an invitation from the League of Women Voters to debate Sen. Tucker.

Tucker ran as an unopposed incumbent and received 3,210 votes in Andover.

## REICH ROMPS HERE, BUT NOT ACROSS STATE



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover's Democratic voters wanted Robert Reich to be their governor — or at least to be on the general-election ballot. They gave him 1,547 votes. Shannon O'Brien, who won the statewide total, received 1,276 votes here. No other Democratic gubernatorial candidate collected more than 550 votes in Andover. Mitt Romney, running unopposed in the primary, collected 1,941 votes on the Republican ballot.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Sondra Finegold, mother of incumbent State Rep. Barry Finegold, pours over the election results Tuesday night, which are posted by Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

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## FREAK ACCIDENT



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Henry and Regina Naehle of Tiffany Lane (top photo, examining their car) experienced some unexpected obstacles on Haverhill Street last Wednesday. A huge tree limb came crashing down on their car and the road as they drove down the street. The two residents were not injured, though the tree damaged their car. The tree limb came crashing down because of high winds that blew through town for much of the day, as remnants of Tropical Storm Gustav met a northern cold front.

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## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - At 12:09 p.m., Gerazael Dasilva, 43, of 188 Main St., Apt. 14, Burlington, Vt., was arrested and charged with driving with a license that was revoked for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was also charged with violating street signs. He was charged on a warrant for driving negligently and for a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 2:25 p.m., Jose Correia, 22, of 9 Woodville St., Apt. 2, Everett, was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Lt. Phil Froberg said he did not know what the weapon was, nor what the charges were on a second warrant.

Thursday, Sept. 12 - At 1:59 a.m., Barry Davis, 23, of 36 Newtown Court, Apt. 289, Cambridge, was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery. He was charged on a second warrant for failing to drive within marked lanes; and driving with an incorrect license plate, a suspended license, and without insurance and a registration.

Friday, Sept. 13 - At 3:20 p.m., Luis Muniz, 31, of 11 Savoie Ave., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possessing a hypodermic needle; possessing a Class A substance; and possessing a Class D substance.

Saturday, Sept. 14 - At 7:15 p.m., Travis Jones, 34, of 6 Milk St., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. He was also charged on a warrant for committing a drug violation near a school and for possessing a Class B substance with the intent to distribute it. He was charged on a second warrant with armed robbery.

At 9:39 p.m., Neftali Pagan, 33, of 275 Franklin Ave., Hartford, Conn., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property worth less than \$250. He was also charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

At 9:52 p.m., Jason Letoile, 26, of 72 West Road, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance.

At 10:06 p.m., Randy Dumont, 32, of 16 Shirley St., North Reading, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance.

Monday, Sept. 16 - At 11:47 p.m., Michael Perrault Jr., 25, of 502 Pine St., Apt. 1, Manchester, N.H., was arrested and

charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - At 12:43 a.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that a vehicle with its motor running had been parked outside her building for 45 minutes.

At 9:15 a.m., a caller reported the unattended death of a male on North Street. The death was not suspicious, says Lt. Tom Siopes.

At 11:07 a.m., police spoke with a man seen climbing over a fence at the overpass of Interstate 495 that runs over Chandler Road. The man threw his bike over the fence to ride on I-495 and was riding in the breakdown lane. An officer determined that the man was going home, and asked him to get off the highway.

At 12:22 p.m., a male came into the station to report that his cell phone was missing.

At 2:47 p.m., an officer directed traffic around a large tree that fell on North Main Street due to high winds.

At 3:07 p.m., an officer assisted a grandmother on Burnham Road who was locked out of her house while two toddlers were inside.

At 3:23 p.m., a tree fell on a car on North Main Street due to high winds. No one was injured.

At 3:57 p.m., a tree fell on a car driving on Haverhill Street. No one was injured.

Between 2:47 p.m. and 9:31 p.m., 24 calls came in reporting trees down. No one was reported injured.

At 8:51 p.m., a female requested an ambulance to take her mentally ill daughter, who was engaged in a domestic argument with family members, to the hospital for evaluation.

At 9:30 p.m., a female reported that her ex-boyfriend had threatened suicide, and she requested help from the police. An officer was to file on the incident.

Thursday, Sept. 12 - At 9:15 a.m., the animal-control officer was to file on a dog bite that occurred on Chestnut Street.

At 9:25 a.m., an officer took a bicycle found on Ivy Lane back to the station for safekeeping.

At 2:44 p.m., a Shattuck Road caller reported that a man of Middle-Eastern descent sitting in a car looked suspicious to the caller. A responding officer determined that the man was just waiting for his wife.

At 9:05 p.m., EMTs trans-

ported an 11-year-old disturbed boy to the hospital for an evaluation.

Friday, Sept. 13 - At 8:55 a.m., a Shattuck Road employee reported a threatening call.

At 12:39 p.m., a Somerset Drive caller reported a leash-law violation.

Saturday, Sept. 14 - At 9:45 a.m., an Avery Lane resident reported finding a wallet.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - At 10:41 a.m., a Corbett Street resident reported that a man verbally assaulted him.

At 6:42 p.m., a male called 911 to report that he was at the train station and was feeling suicidal. The male was transported to a hospital.

Monday, Sept. 16 - At 2:51 p.m., a male on Post Office Avenue reported that someone had threatened him.

## BREAKS

Thursday, Sept. 12 - At 10:48 p.m., a Whittier Street female reported that a young male had just tried to break into her garage and assault her.

Friday, Sept. 13 - At 8:52 a.m., a female employee at the Copy Center on Bartlett Street reported that someone had broken into her desk.

Monday, Sept. 16 - At 3:26 p.m., a caller reported a break at a Brundett Avenue home.

At 4:29 p.m., a caller reported

that someone had broken into a home on Juniper Road and stolen some items.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - At 12:19 p.m., an officer was to file on a larceny reported on Andover Street.

Friday, Sept. 13 - At 1:31 p.m., a North Main Street caller reported that his wallet had been stolen from his home.

Monday, Sept. 16 - At 4:01 p.m., a Summer Street female reported that someone had stolen money from her.

## AUTO INCIDENTS (partial)

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - At 9:43 a.m., town employees sanded a small oil spill in Elm Square.

At 1:36 p.m., an officer was to file a report on a false vehicle-inspection sticker.

At 10 p.m., an Amherst Road resident reported a suspicious yellow van cruising the neighborhood. A responding officer determined that the van belonged to MassElectric.

Saturday, Sept. 14 - At 6:43 p.m., a Phillips Academy security officer stopped a carload of kids who had fireworks with them. The officer issued a court summons to the driver who did not have a license. The fireworks were confiscated.

## New act on Heather Drive lot

By Ben Hellman

Several residents of Heather Drive showed up at the Conservation Commission meeting Tuesday night to stop Andover Community Trust from building a house on land they say is wetlands. The residents say a new home will cause water damage to their existing homes.

"My opinion is that the area is not subject to jurisdiction under the wetlands protection act," said town conservation agent Jim Greer.

Resident Louise Hart and others testified that the land is regularly wet. "History tells us that there are underground streams in that area," said Kenneth Griffin.

Donald Cooper, chairman of the Conservation Commission, determined that the subject needed more time for debate

and tabled further discussion for the commission's Oct. 1 meeting.

After the meeting, residents discussed their problems with a house being built on the site. "They (ACT) know there is going to be damage and they continue to persist," said Michael Villalba.

Residents said that the street's excess water flows down through the property and building up the site will, in effect, be building a dam that would trap water and damage their property.

Villalba and others were also suspicious of the timing of a survey of the area, which was carried out on Aug. 5 in the middle of a drought. "It's astonishing that they could do a survey on Aug. 5. The timing is not an accident," said Villalba.

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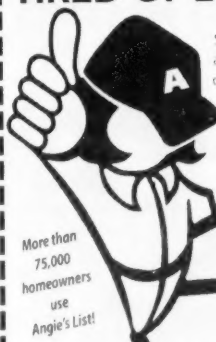
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# Business

## IN BRIEF

### Radicis join local real estate firm

ERA Home & Family Real Estate announced that Claudio and Patricia Radici are the newest members of its team.

Claudio Radici, originally from Brazil, served in the Brazilian Air Force as part of the Special Combat Troops with an anti-terrorist mission in South America. He came to the United States and worked in the health-care field for 12 years, starting as a housekeeper, and made his way, he says, "from janitor to realtor."

Patricia Radici, a graduate of the Real Estate Sales Training and Financial Management Program, has an associate's degree.

Claudio Radici speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese, and is licensed to practice real estate in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

"Claudio's ability to speak several languages is a tremendous asset to our organization and the community," says Johanna Webster, broker/owner of ERA Home & Family Real Estate. "We are very proud to have such a talented team on our side."

The Radicis believe in the right of home ownership for everyone. Their motto, "Your Dream is Our Business," speaks volumes about their willingness to assist anyone with their real estate needs, Webster said. "Claudio is certified as an e-Pro (Internet professional), which means he understands and utilizes technology in his daily business."

To buy or sell an antique home, call Claudio and Patricia Radici at 978-470-1999, Ext. 20.

### Amicore sales breaking records

Amicore, a practice-improvement company providing software and services to independent physicians, announced record sales for the second quarter of 2002.

Company leaders are also projecting a record-setting trend for the third quarter and the balance of this year.

The company moved from Salem, N.H. to Andover this summer. They are located at 200 Minuteman Park.

Jim Fitzsimmons, Amicore's president and CEO, said, "The demand for Amicore's clinical and practice-management solutions continues to grow rapidly. We had another record sales quarter through June and expect continued success going forward. Amicore secured contracts from 25 new practices this past quarter with the same record-setting sales activity projected for the third quarter and the balance of 2002. At this current sales rate, Amicore will have over 1,000 providers under contract with over 70 percent installed and in full productive use by the end of the year. In our discussions with industry analysts, no other company in the ambulatory clinical and practice management industry has reached these growth numbers so quickly."

Deborah Milburn, operations manager for Dublin Primary Care in Colorado Springs, Colo., echoes this enthusiasm. "We recently converted to the Amicore system, including both an electronic medical record and a front office application for our practice. We selected the Amicore product because we believed in the stability of the organization and because of the efficiencies the technology offered us. Like most groups, we were overwhelmed by paper. Now, we can truly concentrate on our patients," she reported.

Milburn credits teamwork and the tireless commitment of the Amicore staff and her group with a nearly flawless installation process.

## SAVINGS BANK TRUSTEES



Brian D. McCoubrey, left, president of the Savings Bank, along with A. David Rodham, second from right, chairman of the board of trustees, and Robert DiBella, right, executive vice president and treasurer, recently welcomed three new trustees to the Bank. They include (second from left to third from right) Michael W. Morris of Andover, Joseph E. Mahoney Sr., and Lawrence A. Swift.



The friendly faces of new men's salon Priority Male belong to co-owners Jill McSheffrey (left) and Danielle Lemay; and (in back) staffers Angela Nicolosi, Nicole Carrier and Christina McLaughlin.

## Catering to men's grooming

### Priority Male makes men comfortable in salon setting

By Ben Hellman

HOW ABOUT A PEDICURE, GUYS? Ever felt a yen for a facial? Co-owners Jill McSheffrey and Danielle Lemay are taking the gamble that local men have such needs with their new salon, Priority Male, which is strictly for men.

Priority Male, located at 93 Main St. in Olde Andover Village, held its grand opening Saturday, Sept. 14.

Of course, Priority Male will offer haircuts; but hair coloring, massage, waxing and manicuring are all things the owners think guys have been missing out on, because men don't want to be surrounded by female onlookers while trying them out.

Lemay says that most men who color their hair at a salon, go to a back room so they don't have to sit in the open. "Why should men have to go to the back room?" she asks rhetorically.

There is a type of man who wants clean, presentable nails, says Lemay. "Executive men, not your average guy — but only because they've never tried it," she added. "I don't think they're comfortable with women around."

Lemay has already received a call from another stylist who wanted to pass along a body builder seeking a bikini wax. Lemay snapped it up. "We need to fill the gaps," she said. "This is a spot where you can take care of all their (men's) needs in one space."

What about the pedicure? "Most men have never tried it. It feels great — who wouldn't want to have their feet rubbed?" asked Lemay. She has a big, sink-up-to-



"If they find someone they like to cut their hair, they're with you until the day they die. Why not cater to them?"



◀ DANIELLE LEMAY, CO-OWNER OF PRIORITY MALE, WITH JILL MCSHEFFREY ▶

your-ears leather chair where the pedicures will be performed.

Priority Male's massages will be administered by a nationally certified massage therapist currently working in World's Gym in Methuen.

"Every man we've talked to has thought it was a great idea," said Lemay.

This is a first-time business for both Lemay and McSheffrey, who have been stylists for five years and went to hair-dressing school together.

Lemay and McSheffrey are working moms, who were making ends meet as stylists in Woburn before deciding to start their own business. "We're both single moms. Eight dollars an hour ain't cuttin' it," she said. Lemay says the only way to make any money in the styling business is

to own your own shop. "We're just as intelligent as they are — so why not?"

Lemay and McSheffrey say they will be listening to their male clients. They plan to have suggestion boxes and take guys' suggestions seriously. Appointments by e-mail is one service they will offer because men have asked for it. Lemay says that men know what they like and they're particular about it. "If they find someone they like to cut their hair, they're with you until the day they die," she says. "Why not cater to them?"

Priority Male will offer four lines of styling products for men: Nioxin, Bed Head, American Crew, and Tea Tree/Paul Mitchell.

Most salons offer one product line for men, says Lemay.

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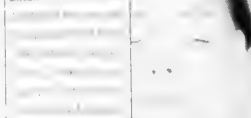
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# Opinion

## Little things that everyone can do

THERE ARE MOMENTS when the average person feels a little helpless to make a positive impression on this world. Often, people pick up the paper and read about war and poverty and it seems to them that there's little they can do.

However, everyday efforts matter. Andover is known for having people who volunteer their time in the town and the region. But sometimes it doesn't take a long-term commitment — it just takes a bit of caring about one's community. Such as holding a block party or helping a neighbor. One example is Roberta Dell'Anno, who was simply out at the Phillips Academy bird sanctuary teaching her kids about nature when she spotted a malformed frog. Rather than leave the ugly-looking thing to rot she brought it home and contacted the state. Scientists are glad she did. They've never seen a specimen like it and want to learn more. Perhaps nothing will come of this. Perhaps, it will open a scientific doorway until now locked.

Of course, one of the most important and easiest ways to take part in the Andover — and American — community is to vote. Only 30 percent of registered voters in Andover did so during Tuesday's primary.

The last day for new people to register to vote in the November general election — which will choose the next governor of Massachusetts — is Wednesday, Oct. 16. The Andover town clerk's office will be open late, until 8 p.m. that day, for voter registration, but voters can register any time between now and then. It's a small way to make change.

### Web question

#### How do you view the 30-percent turnout at the primary polls?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Tuesday, Sept. 17 is primary day. Will you show up to vote?  
(34 people responded)

- 23, or 68 percent, said "Yes, it's my civic duty and the responsible thing to do."
- 1, or 3 percent, said "Yes, I'm unhappy with the current incumbents and want to vote them out."
- 2, or 6 percent, said "Yes, I just like taking part in the process."
- 3, or 9 percent, said "No, I don't vote in primaries."
- No one said "No, my candidate is running unopposed."
- 1, or 3 percent, said "No, I don't know what precinct I live in and haven't checked the town web site <town.andover.ma.us>."
- No one said "No, voting

is a waste of time."  
• 4, or 12 percent, said "Other."

This week's Web question:

**Approximately 30 percent of Andover's registered voters turned out at the primary polls on a warm, sunny Tuesday. What is your opinion on the turnout?**

- Pretty good for a primary.
- Particularly after the September 11 anniversary, it's disappointing.
- Pathetic! Whatever happened to civic-mindedness?
- It is typical of voting trends. I am not surprised.

To cast a vote, surf to the *Townsmen* Web site at <www.andovertownsmen.com>

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### LAUNDERING MONEY?



After someone apparently dropped soap into the water fountain by Banknorth on Main Street on Monday, Claire and Luke Kelly had fun playing with the suds.

### LETTERS

#### RMV's universe

Editor, *Townsmen*:

RMV Registrar Dan Grabauskas: Approximately three years ago, I received a ticket in Boston for registration expired for my automobile. I immediately went to a registry office to check this out, and discovered that my registration was being held up due to the non-payment of excise tax. The problem was that I was assessed excise tax in the city of Lynn where I have never resided and so my excise tax bills and mail-in registration were being sent to a Lynn address where they had me living.

At that time I was assured that the problem was corrected and told that someone keyed in the wrong garage code for me.

On Wednesday of this year, I was driving to help settle my recently departed mother's estate in Cambridge and was pulled over by a Somerville police officer, again due to an expired registration sticker. When he checked, he indicated that my car could not be driven and I had to have it towed (at considerable expense). He confiscated my plates. After several calls, I again discovered that my registration was being held up due to non-payment of excise in Lynn. I continue to not live in Lynn. I have resided in Andover for the past 18 years.

Lynn's assessor's office was sympathetic to my plight but indicated that the easiest way to clear this mess was to pay the back due excise taxes at the city hall in Lynn. I also discovered that the registration of another car I had recently purchased was also going to be held up due to unpaid excise taxes in Lynn. I took a day off from work, paid the taxes, got a clearance form, went to my insurance company to get its forms and went to the registry office in Lowell.

I really must commend you and your staff for the complete turnaround in customer service that I experienced; it was a pleasure doing business with your representatives. Again, I was assured that the matter was now taken care of. You can understand my nervousness since I was assured of this previously.

This has been a humiliating experience since I am a conscientious taxpayer and citizen and I can't seem to get out of this loop. I also believe that the registry deserves all the responsibility for my considerable agony and expense.

Therefore I believe it eminently reasonable that the registry reimburse me for the towing (\$75) and my having to take a day off from work (\$100). Most importantly I would like an assurance in writing that the problem is corrected.

John C. Pakstis  
27 Lincoln St.

#### Realistic appraisals, not religion, must guide relations

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing about Mark Towner's letter of Sept. 12. He displayed a vast knowledge of religious quotes, but a dearth of wisdom in the realm of defense and foreign policy. Whatever happened to a realistic appraisal of foreign relations, as stated by so many eminent statesmen?

*If I must choose between a policy of blood and iron and one of milk and water — why I am for the policy of blood and iron. It is better not only for the nation, but in the long run for the world.*

— Nobel Peace Prize winner and U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt

*Not believing in force is like not believing in gravity.*

— Leon Trotsky

*War is simply a continuation of political intercourse, with the addition of other means.*

— Carl von Clausewitz

Towner asked if his list of quotes were merely empty platitudes. They were not, but neither were they applicable to the very serious and admittedly murky world of international relations. His quotes were designed for interpersonal relations on a micro scale. Foreign relations are on the macro scale, and requires a whole new set of rules and maxims.

Towner poses an interesting question in his letter, that being "If the United States can attack

Iraq on the speculation that it might one day acquire weapons of mass destruction, why can't India attack Pakistan, which has nuclear arms today?" Sadly, he seems oblivious to the fact that he answers his own question. The reason that India cannot (a poor choice of words, as there is not a wall between the countries) attack Pakistan is that Pakistan has nuclear weapons today. We are trying to prevent Iraq from gaining those very weapons while we can. If we wait until they gain them, then we will undoubtedly have to expend much more blood and treasure to defend our allies and ourselves. The other fallacy that Towner holds up is that "striking Iraq will not deny terrorists weapons of mass destruction." Now, I am not a specialist in terrorist procurement methods, but if we remove an extremely likely source of armaments from terrorists, it would seem to follow that it would be significantly harder for them to gain said weapons. Towner, however, has apparently been briefed in more detail by the CIA on this matter than I have.

As far as the role of the president of the United States, Towner seems to believe that his job is to listen to what his advisors have to say. I would say that the president certainly does listen to his advisors, but he should not always follow their advice. After all, he was elected to be

the leader, and all decisions in the end are his. If William Pitt had listened to his advisors, instead of trusting General Wolfe, Canada would still be a French colony. If Lincoln had listened to his advisors after Shiloh, he would have gotten rid of Grant, and the Civil War might have dragged on even longer.

A more personal example would be my staff sergeant who was in the Marines when I was a freshman in high school. I seek out and listen to his advice on a wide range of topics. In the end, though, I am the one they put the shiny bars on, and all of the decisions are mine, for better or worse. President Bush is in a very similar position, but on a far grander scale.

Oh, and Mr. Towner, we are demonstrating our dedication to free speech and democracy by having this very conversation, in the public arena, much as the nation has for the last several months. Before I close, I would like to add my own quote to the list above (and I think it complements Towner's list quite well). I do not think it is original, but here goes:

*Second place in war and foreign relations is merely first loser.*

John D. Jordan  
Oceanside, Calif.

(The writer is a former Andover resident.)

### THE THURSDAY FILE

The only way to beat terrorism is for the U.S. to unite the world, not divide it.

BILL CLINTON

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GEORGE S. PATTON

#### About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

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For some time, the site has used one quotation from John F. Kennedy each week. Now, visitors can help pick a new person who will be quoted each week by visiting <www.hudsonvanloo.ca/t/number10spot>.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a person. Kites rise against, not with the wind.

JOHN NEAL

Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.

SOPHIA LOREN

The soul of freedom is deathless; it cannot, and will not, perish.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

He who would make a fool of himself finds many to help him.

DANISH PROVERB

I love being married. I was single for a long time and I just got so sick of finishing my own sentences.

BRIAN KILEY

There are three rules for writing the novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

ANNAIS NIN

#### The JFK quotation:

I have just received the following telegram from my generous Daddy. It says, "Dear Jack: Don't buy a single vote more than is necessary. I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide."

#### Best quotations sent:

Harboring resentment is like giving yourself a dose of poison and waiting for the other person to die.

If I keep a green bough in my heart, then the singing bird will come.



## LETTERS

**Bikini car wash not way to boost high school's cheerleading team****Editor, Townsman:**

I noticed in the Sept. 15 *Townsman* a photograph of the Andover High School cheerleaders, who had attended camp this summer and received awards for excellence. While I'd like to express my congratulations to the team, I need instead to express my surprise and dismay at the way someone chose to plan and advertise a fundraising event this past weekend.

A sign at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, just in front of the library, advertised a car wash at Andover High School, featuring "AHS cheerleaders in bikinis." Assuming that this wasn't a joke, and that the cheerleading team was responsible for the sign, I have some concerns about the appropriateness of this tactic. Let's be honest ... this had almost nothing to do with washing cars, and everything to do with scantily-clad teenage girls putting themselves on exhibit.

As a teacher, a mother of two daughters in high school and college, and someone who has spent a considerable amount of time working with youth in many different settings, I am saddened every time I see young girls objectified, sexualized, and exploited. These girls have obviously learned that sex sells, and therefore can't really be blamed for their lapse in judgment. After all, this is what they see on television, on billboards, and in magazines every day. I do blame the adults who are supposed to be guides and role models (Parents? Coaches?) and who should have stepped in and explained that using their bodies to lure people to an event is degrading, and is a practice that does not belong at Andover High School.

For many years, advocates of cheerleading have been battling

its image as a beauty and popularity contest, and begging to be taken seriously as a sport. This weekend the Andover High team has done a great disservice to its reputation as a legitimate team sport. Girls, if you want respect, start by respecting yourselves.

Sandy Hitchins  
37 Gray Road

**Bach deserves failing marks in community spirit, says 9/11 organizer****Editor, Townsman:**

I beg to differ with your glowing review, Chairwoman Girdwood and other members of the School Committee, and your grading of Superintendent Claudia Bach, and I will tell you why.

On Monday, Sept. 2 I called the superintendent's office and got a recording. I explained in my recorded message that veter-

ans agent John Doherty and I were asked by the town manager and the selectmen to put together a town wide observance for September 11.

I asked if I might have two student representatives from each school that could participate in this program. I told the answering machine that the program was going to be at the Collins Center, 7 p.m. on Sep-

tember 11, with the Andover High School band, clergy, state officials, and a bag piper and I wanted these students to bring four wreaths to the stage in honor of the four Andover victims.

After three days passed and I had not heard from the superintendent's office, I called again. I was told that Claudia Bach received my message but the

office was too busy to work on this request. I held the phone in silence for at least a minute, while thinking, she must have misunderstood me. I repeated my request again stating this was going to be a community program. Once again I was told the superintendent's office was too busy and so were the schools. It was opening week for the schools. I was further told that if I insisted I could call all the schools myself and speak to the principals.

Is this how we work with other boards, committees, clergy, and other elected officials, to say I'm too busy - too busy to participate in a September 11 program while the whole country is in mourning? Shame on you, Dr. Bach. As I related this conversation to whomever I met, there was outrage, citizens listened in disbelief and horror. I called every school. I spoke to principals, parents and teachers. I had an overwhelming response of gratitude, caring and praise that the community was participating in such an event. I got my students, they did a wonderful job. Ten elementary schools were represented and one middle school. The other two never got back to me.

The evening's program was a huge success. I would like to acknowledge all the principals in our schools for leading our students in community commitment.

School Committee, take your heads out of the sand and listen to what the voters are saying about the total lack of community spirit from the superintendent. School Committee, you had better start working on the superintendent's image. You lost a big vote last year and it was not all over money. Once again shame on you, Dr. Bach.

Norma A. Gammon  
Abbot Street

**Muslim man: The sleep of reason was not a problem here after 9/11****Editor, Townsman:**

*Perhaps I don't know all of my religion,  
Certainly not all of yours,  
Just enough to see you in the mirror,  
Awesomely resembling me.*

There is a verse in the Koran the meaning of which says that "good and evil deeds are not equal. Advance (respond, push, promote, initiate) good deeds to thwart evil ones, then he whom between you and him was enmity becomes as if a good friend."

In time of crisis, the verse is more than good enough to guide me.

People of New England are fond of history, sometimes accurately, sometimes beautifully, sometimes both. September 11, I lived. We all lived that history.

Let it be known that this Moslem, Egyptian-born citizen of the New England town of Andover has lived that history on the ninth hour of the 11th day of the year 2001. Let this be a certified testimony, a notarized statement of heart that the people with whom I make community have acted in a warm, historical sense of belonging. Let it be known that where there was fire in the skies, on the commons of our town was a vigil, lit in solidarity with engaging hands despite the tearful hearts.

Let it be known to all. Let it be known.

The morning after the fiery skies, my family awoke to flowers on our doorsteps from the Booth family, and letters stuffed with care from neighbors of Andover. In Boston, the president of Suffolk University, where I work, had a meeting to ensure foreign students felt at home, regardless. Later, the dean dined with Middle Eastern students - whom he learned had not been out of their dwellings for days because they

looked the part - sharing memories of his childhood, along with his special recipe for apple pie, bleeding from within as I knew he was. In between, I received a call from Senator Ted Kennedy, assuring me of his understanding of the message of mercy in Islam, despite the acts of the week, along with numerous warm e-mails.

My experience might very well vary from others; in fact I know it does. To me, this is America. What America - the people - offered in response to terrorism was in some special, unplanned way, the antidote of extremism: Compassion. I do not know of any other community worldwide, and I have had my share of traveling, whose September 11 would have triggered as much understanding in people, despite the pain - not all the people, but enough to mold the word compassion into deeds, in the face of extremism.

I speak of extremism, not only extremists. "Extremists" conjures meaning attributed to those who are not you and me, may absolve us both from owning up to our own moments of extreme thinking and action, particularly when experiencing the fierce heat of daily living.

You see, extremism does two things. First, it siphons compassion out of religion and all other forms of civil discourse, leaving behind in the hands of extremists nothing but brittle, harsh, not supple, and vulgar expressions that can only scratch, demean, and hurt - tools with which to stab. Extremism also uses the lens of false nostalgia to force a lie - that the past was simple and pure, thus robbing religion and civil discourse from their most enduring quality, being real, made for living. Siphoning dry

our God-given ration of compassion and penning us against a false simplified past then tip on its head a continuum on which we could be at different but respectable points of belonging, to a vertical yardstick on which some of us are above, some below, drowning beneath intolerance.

With these vulgar qualities, extremism depletes the very meaning of our most valuable trait as a community - belonging.

To be-long, we must first "be," we must possess that feeling of daily affirmation of a healthy humaneness, then we must be able to exercise our innate desire to "long," to share commonality with others with whom we may seek to exist and share our normal doze of vulnerabilities and life awkwardness. Without compassion and without a human canvass on which our lives may be painted, extremism siphons out the human juices, thus drying the "be" in all of us, then chases away our "longing" for a reasonably human history to which we may belong. What is left when extremism has done its number on us, is a misguided compass pointing to despair.

It was Voltaire who warned long ago that the sleep of reason breeds monsters - be them in the highest offices in any administration or government, or in the dark depth of mountain caves. Sleep of our reason breeds monsters in any place, in any town. Our only weapon to smoke extremism out of its caves is a vigilant collective spirit and intellect so no one can ever rob us of our daily ration of compassion, the very antidote of extremism, the very thing this town naturally expressed one full year ago.

Magid Mazen  
Harding Street

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## OBITUARIES

## Joseph Barton

Andover native was active in Boston's Fenway neighborhood

Joseph Barton, 60, of Boston, died of bladder cancer on Monday, Sept. 9.

Mr. Barton was born and raised in Andover. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1960 and received his college degree at Harvard University in 1964. Mr. Barton spent five years in the Peace Corps, where he built schools and health centers, and offered job training for residents in Colombia, South America.



Joseph Barton

Family members said Mr. Barton often returned to Colombia to visit the many friends made during his Peace Corps service.

Upon returning to Boston, he began making independent documentary films, including a film about housing conditions in Colombia and one showing a carnival in Trinidad.

With his filmmaking experience and his intense desire to help under-served people, family members said he began taping mock job interviews with unemployed residents of Chelsea and then offered them advice on how to improve their interviewing skills.

His most rewarding use of his talent, Spanish, was during his term as a patient advocate within the Boston area health care system, family members said.

Mr. Barton was the former chairman of the Fenway Planning Task Force in his Boston neighborhood, where he was the mediator who negotiated with community activists, city officials and Red Sox owners in the late 1990s to help resolve neighborhood complaints. He also had been president of the

Fenway Civic Association and served on the board of Restore Olmstead's Waterway (ROW).

He was a member of the Fenway Garden Society for more than 20 years. During that time he earned praise for his signature city rooftop garden designs, which included fruit-bearing trees, exotic plants and vegetables. This allowed him to experiment with the many seeds he collected during his travels.

At the time of his death, Mr. Barton was a systems architect for Lidelity Investments in Boston.

Members of his family include his wife, Jennifer Jones of Boston; his mother, Marguerite A. (Walsh) Barton, a brother, David Barton and his wife, Cindy, of Lowell; a sister, Anne Barton and her husband, Steve Smith, of Lowell; a niece, and several nephews and their wives.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 13 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell.

## Bette E. Forma

Longtime resident was active in local groups

Bette E. (Dauber) Forma, 87, of Andover, died Saturday, Sept. 14 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Forma was born and educated in Williamsport, Pa., and was a resident of Andover for the past 50 years.

She worked for Merrimack Valley Home Health Care for many years. She attended St. Augustine Church in Andover, and was a member of the St. Claire League of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Forma was also a member of the Socialites at Andover Commons, Ladies of Merrimack College, and the former Bon Secours Women's Auxiliary.

She also enjoyed arts and crafts. Members of her family include daughters, Maryjane and her husband, Lino Picanso, of Nashua, N.H., and Jeannette Forma of Hawaii, brothers, Kenneth Dauber of Andover, and Robert Dauber of Williamsport, Pa.; a sister, Charlotte Holtzapfel of Lewisburg, Pa.; several grandchildren; and several

nieces and nephews. She was also the mother of the late James Forma and Johanna Forma.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

## Stella A. Brown

Worked at IRS, Andover Inn

Stella A. (Mazurenko) Brown, 84, formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Harbor Home in York Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Brown worked in the food service department for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for five years.

Before that, she was a hostess at the Andover Inn in Andover for four years.

She was born in New York City. She and her husband summered at their home on the Nubble in York Beach, Maine, for more than 50 years.

She was a member of the Andover Garden Club.

Members of her family include her husband of more than 60 years, Edwin R. Brown; sons, Richard D. Brown of Methuen and Robert A. Brown of Andover; a brother, Walter Mazurenko of Methuen; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Burn Institute of Boston, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114-2699.

Services were held Sept. 13 in York, Maine. Arrangements were by Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road, York, Maine.

Family members said a local service is being planned.

## Frank J. Cuticchia

Owned taxi company in Lawrence

Frank J. Cuticchia of Sarasota, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Friday, Sept. 13 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Cuticchia owned the Diamond Taxi in Lawrence, and more recently was

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**ABDOO** — Lorraine Y. Abdo, 75, of Methuen, died Sunday, Sept. 15 at home. Mrs. Abdo worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover.

**VEILLEUX** — J. Albert "Pete" Veilleux Jr., 77, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Sept. 14 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Albert M. and Deborah Veilleux of Andover.

## DEATHS

**Lorraine Y. Abdo, 75**  
**Joseph Barton, 60**  
**Stella A. Brown, 84**  
**Frank J. Cuticchia**  
**Bette E. Forma, 87**  
**Donald M. Griswold, 67**  
**Anna E. Gundal, 90**  
**Herbert C. Harriman Sr., 68**  
**Rachel Shenker, 93**  
**J. Albert Veilleux, Jr., 77**

employed at Phillips Academy.

He was the widower of Alice (Buckley) Cuticchia.

Members of his family include his wife of 18 years, Florence (Marcotte) Cuticchia of Sarasota; a daughter, Ann and her husband, John Kalil of Salisbury; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also the father of the late Frances Laughner.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Sisters of Notre Dame, 30 Jeffrey Road, Ipswich, MA 01938.

## Herbert C. Harriman Sr.

Lived here 45 years

Herbert C. Harriman Sr., 68, of North Street in Andover, died Wednesday, Sept. 11 at home.

Born in Rochester, N.H., Mr. Harriman had been an area resident for the past 45 years.

He was employed at Covanta Energy Services. Mr. Harriman was an antique car enthusiast and collected model cars.

His hobby was woodcarving and he enjoyed drives to the beach with his wife and long drives in the country.

He was the widower of Doris R. (Martin) Harriman, who died last year.

Members of his family include daughters, Debra Harriman of Andover, Mary and her husband, Mark Scione Sr. of Methuen, Terry and her husband, Edward Brabant Jr. of Tewksbury, Cheryl and her fiancé, Chun Kim, Robin and her fiancé, Nicholas Belmer, all of Andover; a son, Herbert C. Harriman, and his wife, Sharon, of Bradford; sisters, Rhea Prince of Rochester, N.H., and Brenda Dillon of New Carlisle, Ohio; sister-in-law,

Carol Harriman of New Portsmouth, N.H.; six grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was also the brother of the late Richard and William Harriman.

Arrangements were by Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

Burial was in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

## Rachel Shenker

Ukraine native lived here for the last 10 years

Rachel (Peker) Shenker, 93, of Andover, died Friday, Sept. 13 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Shenker was born and raised in the Ukraine and lived in Israel for 25 years before moving to Andover in 1992.

She was the widow of Israel Shenker.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Eduard and Anna Shenker of North Andover; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Solomon and Gersh Shenker.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were held at Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Street, Lawrence, and were handled by Goldman Fisher Funeral Chapel, 174 Ferry St., Malden.

## Donald M. Griswold

Donald M. Griswold, 67, of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Sept. 11 at home.

Mr. Griswold retired from Textron Corp. of Wilmington as a specialized machinist after 30 years in

1992. Born in Montague, he attended schools in Greenfield.

Mr. Griswold served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1958, obtaining the rank of airman first class.

He was a member of the Haverhill Lodge of Masons and the Shriners of Methuen and Lawrence. He had also lived in Tewksbury for several years.

He was a member of the Methuen Senior Citizens Center.

Members of his family include his son, Mark D. Griswold of Lowell; daughters, Nancy J. Brooks of Georgia and Kathryn H. Bakersmith of Plymouth, N.H.; sisters, Loretta M. Johnson of Greenfield, and Beverly A. Bugbee and Charlene D. Bunk of Turners Falls; brothers, Kenneth R. Griswold of Fountain, Colo., and Robert S. Griswold and Gary B. Griswold, both of Greenfield; nine grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital For Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

Friends may call tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at McCarthy Funeral Home, 36 Bank Row, Greenfield. Graveside services with military honors will follow at 11 a.m. in Green River Cemetery, Greenfield.

## Anna E. Gundal

Was a secretary at BU

Anna E. (Spang) Gundal, 90, of Andover, died Monday, Sept. 23 at Academy Manor Nursing Home, where she lived for the last year and a half.

Mrs. Gundal was a secretary at Boston University for several years until retiring in 1977.

Born in Boston, she graduated from Holy Trinity School. She lived in West Roxbury from the early 1940s until 1981.

She was the widow of Edward A. Gundal.

Members of her family include her sons, Edward Gundal of Newbury and Florida, and Robert and Richard Gundal, both of Florida; daughters, Christine Harvey of Florida, and Rosemarie Loth and Karen Hetherington, both of North Andover; siblings, Clem, Bill and Phyllis Spang; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Sept. 19 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at P.E. Murray-George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury. A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. in St. Theresa's Church, West Roxbury. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale.

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# Townspeople

## TOWN TALK



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**Drag strip** – Driving north toward Shawsheen Square really takes a driver's "undivided" attention.

### New stripes diminish Shawsheen Square's take on Daytona

Drivers can no longer complain about Shawsheen Square seeming like a drag race as cars head for Interstate 495. It's a calmer stretch of North Main Street – between Shawsheen Square and the I-495 ramps – greeting drivers these days, thanks to some newly painted lines.

Even town planner Steve Colyer has noticed the calmer traffic scene, commenting that the stretch of road – a state highway – seems safer thanks to the new white stripes.

The broken white stripes were painted as part of a state highway resurfacing job that finished on Aug. 31. Previously, there was no indication that this stretch of North Main Street had four lanes of traffic – two northbound and two southbound – because there were no white, broken lines. For drivers unfamiliar with the area, it was a scary scene, said Colyer.

State highway spokesman Doug Cope said the paving order included the broken stripes.

Apparently, the broken white lines were there years ago, but for some the reason the road resurfacing prior to last August's job covered them, Colyer recalled.

Now, what about the rest of the state's paving job on North Main Street, from Shawsheen Square to the Shawsheen shopping plaza?

There, drivers also drive in two lanes on both sides, even though there are no broken white lines. Cope is looking into the issue while Colyer said the width of the road is the problem. He remembers state officials saying the road was not wide enough to put in the broken white lines on this stretch.

— Judy Wakefield

### Celebrating the big 1-0-5

Andover resident Emma Carney will celebrate 105 years of life with four generations of her family this weekend.

The Academy Manor resident will enjoy a party in her honor Saturday evening with cake, ice cream and balloons, as well as with her children, her grandchildren and even her great-grandchild.

"She's looking forward to having her family together," says Sandy Lyons, activity director at Academy Manor.

Carney was born in Lawrence, graduated from Lawrence High School and worked in the mills.

The staff is looking forward to the event as well, since it's not too often that someone turns 105.

"She's definitely fun. She makes us laugh!" Lyons says.

— Rebecca Piro

### A salty Maine bus trip with the Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society is hosting a trip to the Old York Historical Society's eight sites and a real "downeast" clambake at Foster's of York Harbor this Saturday, Sept. 21.

The bus leaves the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. at 9 a.m., returning by 6 p.m. The cost, which includes transportation, admission, and the meal at Foster's Clambake, is \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members. To reserve a place on the tour, register by calling 978-475-2236.

The Old York Historical Society showcases New England art, architecture and decorative arts

with collections that span

four centuries. Bus tour

participants will explore the

sights, and experience the

sounds and smells of early

America. In Jeffers' Tavern,

built in 1754, they may encounter a

costumed interpreter cooking 18th

century victuals at the open fireplace. Learn

about school days in the Old School House, 1745, and imag-

ine spending the day on a hard bench under the stern tutelage of

a schoolmaster who "taught to the tune of a hickory stick." In

the Emerson-Wilcox House built in 1742, the group will have

an exclusive curator's tour of the decorative arts collection by

Old York Historical Society Curator Tom Johnson.

After a tour through the dungeons, cells and jailer's living

quarters of the 18th-century Old Gaol, the group will board the

bus to York Harbor for a Foster's Famous Clambake, a tradition

since 1951. Participants will enjoy the sights and smells of an

old-fashioned lobster bake as it is prepared over a roaring wood

fire and be entertained by downeast humor and music.

Foster's Clambakes are based on documented Native Amer-

ican cooking methods. The clambake will be cooked to order

and includes prize-winning chowder, cultivated mussels, fresh-

ly-dug steamed clams, lobster, corn on the cob, roasted red

bliss potatoes with onions, and Maine blueberry cake. Bar-

beque chicken may be substituted for lobster.

After this downeast feast, the group will tour the Elizabeth

Perkins House and gardens on the York River, recently restored

according to Miss Perkins' diaries and letters. Later stops on

the tour include Sewall's Bridge, the John Hancock Wharf and

Warehouse, and the George Marshall Store. After a stop at the

Museum Gift Shop, there should be plenty of time to drive

through York Harbor and York Beach and photogenic Nubble

Lighthouse on Maine's rocky coast with its view out to haun-

ted Boone Island, a familiar scene on postcards and maritime

paintings.

## Weighed down

Pike kids in study of heavy backpacks' connection to neck, back pain

By Judy Wakefield

IT'S A TYPICAL FRIDAY at Pike School in Andover. Like most kids his age, 11-year-old Christopher Newsome of Andover makes a pit stop at his locker before lunch.

The sixth-grader empties his dark green backpack and here's what spills out – three three-ring binders for history, math and science; textbooks for each of those three subjects; a writing composition book for English; some fiction; an art folder; and some pencils.

That's a lot of weight for an 11-year-old to carry.

"Sometimes, carrying this hurts my back a little," he says of his backpack. "But, I don't like those rolling ones. Those are too heavy to carry on the stairs."

Nearby, Zoe Weinberg, also 11 and from Andover, shakes her head.

"You should at least try it," she tells him pointing to her blue backpack-on-wheels. "You should be concerned about the long-term possible effects of your backpack. It's worth getting one on wheels."

Backpack news is the talk in the hallways at Pike, a small private school in Andover. Backpack awareness has heated up in the wake of a study involving some Pike students.

Thirty-four Pike fourth-graders took part in a backpack study last year. The results are about to be published in the *Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. In addition, the research findings were presented at the American Physical Therapists Association meeting, held last February in



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

**Mary Ann Wilmarth of Andover measures the craniocervical angle of Pike student George French of North Andover with (shown above) and without a backpack. The study demonstrated muscle tension from the loads that students carry to and from school.**

Boston. "This is a hot topic," said Mary Ann Wilmarth of Andover, who holds a doctorate in physical therapy and is an assistant clinical specialist in Northeastern University's Department of Physical Therapy. She conducted the Pike study with her colleague Dr. Timothy S. Hilliard.

"Health professionals are seeing an increasing number of children with neck and back pain and backpacks have been cited as a possible cause," she said.

Though researchers say

backpacks should weigh no more than 10 to 15 percent of a child's weight, many kids are overloaded. For example, an 80-pound student should carry a backpack that weighs no more than 12 pounds.

The heaviest backpack in the study was 32 percent of a child's weight, the study showed.

At Pike, at least one student in the study had more than twice the recommended ratio. The heaviest backpack in the study was 32 percent of a child's weight. For an 80-pound student, that would work out to a 25-pound backpack.

Meanwhile, the lightest

backpack in the study was 8 percent of the student's body weight. That works out to a 6-pound backpack for an 80-pound student.

Overall, the Pike School subjects wore backpacks that averaged 16 percent of their body weight, a bit higher than the recommended ratio.

Wilmarth focused on head posture in this study. She measured the craniocervical (CV) angle, located at the back of the neck. She measured the angle "pre- and post-load," meaning with and without a backpack. The angle was indeed affected by the backpacks, moving about 4 degrees. Summing up – the heavier the backpack; the more a kid's head moved, putting pressure on the neck and back.

"A head goes back and forward to balance (when a backpack is put on). This causes muscles to tighten and can cause headaches, and pain that goes down the back," she explained. "If a backpack is too low on a back, it causes the body to be off balance and that causes tension for the muscles and joints."

Her next step is to study the bones and ligaments of backpack-wearing children who complain of neck and back pain. Grant money will be paying for more studies because the long-term effects

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### Answers for a 'pack attack'

Worried about the weight of your child's backpack? It should weigh no more than 15 percent of your child's weight. For example, the backpack of an 80-pound child should weigh no more than 12 pounds.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 25, the town of Andover is sponsoring a backpack weigh-in. Elementary-school children are invited to stop by Town Hall, 36 Bartlett St., between 7 and 8:30 a.m. in the Department of Community Services office. Backpacks will be weighed.

The American Occupational Therapy Association is hosting the event. AOTA member and Andover resident Karen Jacobs said the goal is to educate parents about the 15-percent ratio.

"When children wear backpacks that weigh 15 percent or more of their body weight, there is the potential for injury and long-term health effects," Dr. Jacobs said.

Certificates and prizes will be given to all participants.



**Fully loaded** – Christopher Newsome of Andover stops by his locker.

## Safe Driving Program targets teens' crash rate

Openings are still available in the Student Safe Driving Program, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13, in Concord, N.H. The hands-on, half-day program is open to teenagers who live in Andover.

The SSDP coaches new drivers in the critical skills necessary for accident avoidance and emergency situations. Students spend most of the session behind the wheel, working with professional instructors, learning to think faster and drive smarter. This is the only program of its kind in the state, according to organizers – allowing students to practice emergency responses driving at highway speeds.

Studies show that 42 percent of 16-year-olds and 23 percent of 17-year-olds are involved in crashes each year. There is a fatal crash involving young drivers every 62 minutes, according to a recent segment of ABC-TV's *Primetime*.

"Our goal is to introduce these young people, in a controlled setting, to the different types of hazardous driving situations that they might encounter in town or on the open road," says Brad Heim, president of the Service Club of Andover. "Statistics show that accidents involving teens all too often involve situations that an older, more skilled driver might be able to avoid but the teen driver simply has not experienced."

There is a morning and afternoon session available. The program is co-sponsored by the Service Club of Andover and the Massachusetts State Auto Dealers Charitable Foundation. Registration fee is \$100 per student. Space is limited. More information is available at <www.skidschool.com/msada> by e-



**By enrolling in the Student Safe Driving Program, Andover teenagers can learn how to feel experienced when confronted with emergency situations on the road. The half-day program is co-sponsored by the Service Club of Andover and the Massachusetts State Auto Dealers Charitable Foundation.**

mail at <driving@msada.org>, or by phone at 617-451-1051. Call immediately to reserve your spot, organizers said.

Participants must be students, at least 16 years old, with six months on-the-road experience, and a valid Class D license or Junior Operator's License.

The Service Club of Andover is a group

of business people and residents of Andover whose primary mission is to "Make a Difference" in the lives of the youth of Andover and the developmentally disabled persons in the Merrimack Valley. It meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Andover Inn at 7 a.m. for breakfast. Guests are always welcome.



# Weighed

## ■ BACKPACK STUDY

of backpacks and their effect on the health of children.

A study conducted by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NH&MRC) in Australia found that children carrying heavy backpacks are at risk of developing chronic pain and other health problems.



Some of their bones have not even developed yet and bones do respond to strain. The medical population is worried about the long-term effects."

So are Pike parents. As a result of the study, backpacks-on-wheels are more popular than ever at the private school, which serves about 400 students in pre-kindergarten to grade 9. Wilmarth presented her study results at a parents' meeting and many switched to backpacks-on-wheels – including Wilmarth. She has three children at Pike, and each has a backpack on wheels.

Students such as Cassie McManus, 11, are also fans of the switch. "I was in the study... my neck was hurting because I had a ton of stuff in my backpack," she said. "When I told my mother, we went right out and got this backpack-on-wheels. It's much better."

Zoe Weinberg also got her backpack-on-wheels as a result of the study. "It's easy to bring around and it doesn't hurt my back," she said.

Another – if somewhat expensive – way to reduce what students carry is for parents to buy two copies of a textbook. Many Pike parents have done that. It allows a child to keep one textbook at school and one at home.

In addition, Wilmarth said medical professionals are encouraging textbook publishers to use soft covers and to split large textbooks into two. Plus, there is a push for textbooks to become available on CDs.

"Let's just say publishers are not thrilled with these ideas because of the high cost," Wilmarth said.

Wilmarth encourages parents to keep an eye on their child's backpack weight and to remember the rule of thumb – it should weigh no more than 15 percent of the child's total weight.

Painless – Fans of the backpack-on-wheels include Pike students Cassie McManus (left) and Zoe Weinberg.

## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

**Family Service Inc.** announced plans for a Casino Night at the **Lanam Club**, 260 North Main St. Hosted by the Friends of the Lanam Club, this evening of food, entertainment, and casino action will benefit Family Service. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$85 per person.

Plans for the evening include hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine, food stations, and cool swing music. Casino games will include roulette, blackjack, craps, Caribbean stud poker, and the big wheel game. Some of the prizes to be won include:

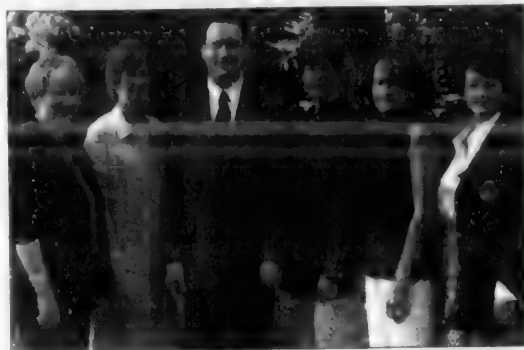
- Dinner for two at Ambrosia in Boston;
- Round of golf for two;
- \$100 gift certificate at Royal Jewelers;
- Dinner for two at Andover Country Club; and
- Holidays Pops for two.

For more information on Casino Night, contact **Christine Latino** at Family Service by phone at 978-683-9505, Ext. 30; or by e-mail at

<CLatino@FamilyServiceInc.com>. For tickets, contact the Lanam Club at 978-475-5210.

Last June, Greater Lowell lost a highly regarded physician, **Dr. M. Arthur Neyman** of Andover, to cancer. On Sept. 30, physicians, friends, former patients, and members of the health-care community will honor his life and contributions to the community at the 2002 LGH Golf Challenge.

Dr. Neyman's wife, Susan, noted that "Arthur was born at Lowell Gen-



Friends of the Lanam Club look forward to Casino Night. From left are Judy Reghito; Kay B. Frishman, Family Service's executive director; Gerry O'Callaghan, Lanam Club general manager; Eileen Novelline; Leigh Anne Tarrantino; and Kathy Droste.

eral Hospital, and being able to practice urology there for 32 years brought him great joy and satisfaction."

With her support of the decision to name the tournament in her husband's honor, Susan Neyman, a resident of Andover for many years, and her daughter, **Debbi Silverman**, are members of this year's LGH Challenge planning committee.

The LGH Challenge Golf Tournament in tribute to Dr. M. Arthur Neyman will be held at Sky Meadow Country Club, Lowell, on Monday, Sept. 30. Proceeds benefit the patients of Lowell General Hospital. The \$200 player cost includes: greens fees, carts, tournament wind jacket, meal, prizes, snacks and an evening reception.

Shotgun starts at 7 a.m. or 1 p.m. in a scramble format. Sponsorships are still available.

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# Education

## Verdict time: radon results due

By Ben Hellman

Health officials are hoping to learn by tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20, whether there is any trace of radon in the new schools.

Working with the State Department of Public Health Radiation Control Program, the Andover Health Department set out canisters in the new schools last week to test for the gas, which was detected at the site during construction.

Andover Health Director Everett Penney says that radon, a naturally occurring gas, does not pose an immediate health risk, but that prolonged exposure can lead to cancer.

The testing was done during school hours because Environmental Protection Agency pro-

cedure called for High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School to be tested once they were being used. The canisters were left in 150 classrooms for 48 hours and picked up last Thursday.

Results should be available by tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20, or Monday, say officials.

### Dealing with radon

Radon emissions were discovered during the construction of the new schools and a passive radon prevention and mitigation system was put in place. Crushed rock was placed below the buildings' concrete slabs and ventilation pipes carry potential gasses above the roofs of the schools.

The canisters placed in new schools' classrooms were an inch in height and contain charcoal. Air passes through them and radon collects in the charcoal.

Concentrations of radon gas are measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/l). According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's fact sheet on radon, the EPA suggests that if an initial screening measurement results in a reading greater than 4 pCi/l, further measurements should be taken to determine the annual average exposure to radon. It also suggests that corrective action be taken "within a reasonable period of time."

Health Department Director Everett Penney said that if levels were found between 20-100 pCi/l, the town would consider adding fans to the mitigation system.

"There's radon everywhere," said Penney. Penney said that around 1986 a radon level of 75 pCi/l was found in a room at the Shawsheen School and a system was put in to mitigate it.

The Mass. Department of Public Health radon fact sheet can be found on the Internet at [www.state.ma.us/dph/rp/radonfq.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/rp/radonfq.htm).

## Meeting and greeting

Asst. superintendent candidates visit schools

By Ben Hellman

THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS have gone on tours of the Andover schools and met with teachers and administrators.

Marcia Adams O'Neil and Marguerite "Maggie" Shook visited the schools and had public receptions late last week. David Sandmann was to visit the schools and meet the public after *Townsmen* presstime yesterday, Wednesday, but spoke earlier this week regarding the position and his qualifications for it.



Marcia Adams O'Neil



Marguerite "Maggie" Shook

### Marcia Adams O'Neil

O'Neil called her day meeting with staff "very intense, but it's been a great look at the community." Asked repeatedly about MCAS, O'Neil said, "If I had my druthers MCAS would be a test of basic skills - communities would set the bar." Asked about MCAS' effects on classroom teaching she said, "We want students to pass the test - and more."

She was positive about the possibility of teachers preparing students for the test while teaching. "Teachers are getting better and better at fitting skills into their curriculum," she said.

When asked by School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood if she was involved in a doctoral program, she replied that she was and joked "That's my own albatross." O'Neil is from Stoneham and currently lives in West Newbury. She is currently the director of curriculum and technology for the North Reading Public Schools and was a middle-school foreign languages teacher for several years.

### Dr. Marguerite "Maggie" Shook

"This visit has validated what I thought I knew about Andover," said Georgia candidate Shook at her reception. "Excellent schools, high-caliber people and a welcoming community" were the perceptions she said she had before

her visit.

Asked by parent Tony James why anyone would leave the southern climate for New England, Shook said, "I happen to think this is a wonderful climate."

Shook said her strengths are that she is organized, a team player, has great people skills and is task- and goal-oriented. Asked about weaknesses, she said she is very determined and persistent. She said of her past co-workers and districts, "No one wanted me to leave."

Shook was complimentary of Andover's laptop program, calling it a "very innovative approach - a great idea."

"It's been just a wonderful day," said Shook.

Of Superintendent Claudia Bach's intended trip to Sylva, Ga., this Monday, Shook joked "I'll be keeping her as busy as she kept me."

Shook is the director of curriculum and staff development, for the pre-kindergarten to grade 12 Screven County School System. Prior to that position, Shook was an elementary principal and assistant principal. She was also a middle-school teacher of language arts and a media specialist.

### David Sandmann

If he were named assistant superintendent, candidate Sandmann says he would look to improve the Andover school system.

Sandmann said that Andover has "outstanding schools - but even a good district needs to be continually improved."

Having already served as superintendent for the Winchendon Public Schools in western Massachusetts, Sandmann was asked if he saw the assistant superintendent position as a step backwards. He said he did not, adding "the teachers are probably the most important people in the schools."

Sandmann said he sees the assistant position as a way for him to "capitalize on my skills." Curriculum development, professional development and improving instruction are areas Sandmann said he "enjoyed the most" when he was the superintendent of the Winchendon Public Schools.

Sandmann was born in this state, spent time growing up in Minnesota, where his father is from, went to college in Pennsylvania, and has been back in Massachusetts since 1969.

Prior to holding the superintendent position in Winchendon, Sandmann was an elementary-school principal in the Boylston Public Schools and a middle-school principal for the Beverly Public Schools.

He was also a middle-school teacher of language arts, history, world geography and reading.

## ON CAMPUS

The Andover Sportsmen's Club recently awarded four \$500 scholarships to graduates from Andover and North Andover high schools.

The recipients from Andover High School are Molly Klarman and Alex Gostanian.

Molly Klarman, daughter of Andra and David Klarman, will attend Lewis & Clark College, where she will major in environmental studies. She ranks in the top 12 percent of a highly competitive class. Klarman participated in AHS soccer and three seasons of sports. She attended Outward Bound rock climbing in the Sierra Mountains for 14 days, and she became a tutor for the PALS program, which pairs Andover High and Phillips Academy students with middle-school students in Lawrence.

Alex Gostanian, the son of Rob and Linda Gostanian, will attend St. Anslem College, where he will major in criminal justice. Gostanian has had an all-A-and-B average, and he has made the honor roll every term.

He was a member of the football, track and lacrosse teams for four years. He has done a variety of community-service projects with the Boy Scouts and was recently honored with the Eagle Scout badge.

The recipients from North Andover High School are Kaitlin Rogato, who will attend St. Michael's College, and Timothy Roberts, who will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Aron K. Bellorodo of 7 Aspen Circle, has been awarded a Tau Beta Pi graduate fellowship for the year 2002-03. Bellorodo, the son of Christine Bellorodo, will receive a cash stipend of \$10,000 to pursue



The Andover Sportsmen's Club awarded four \$500 scholarships to (from left) Timothy Roberts and Kaitlin Rogato, graduates of North Andover High School; and Molly Klarman and Alex Gostanian, graduates of Andover High.

graduate work in electrical engineering at Harvard University in Cambridge. He is enrolled in a one-year, accelerated graduate program for a master's degree in electrical engineering, where he will study communication theory and signal processing applications. Tau Beta Pi fellowships are awarded on the basis of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession.

A recent graduate of University of Massachusetts Lowell in electrical engineering, Bellorodo graduated first in the James B. Francis College of Engineering with a 3.98 cumulative GPA, receiving the chancellor's award for academic achievement. He is also a Fidelity Technology Fellow, a member of Eta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honor society, an

Alpha Lambda Delta Scholar, and the recipient of the Dean's Gold Medal Award for superior academic performance within the department of electrical engineering. For his senior project at UMass Lowell, Bellorodo developed a voice-activated environmental control system using digital

signal processing technology for the aiding of the disabled in their daily lives. The system uses speech recognition to control appliances and other electrically operated devices around a handicapped person's home. Bellorodo is a 1998 graduate of Andover High School.

Tau Beta Pi is the second oldest honor society in the nation. Membership represents the highest honor to be obtained by an engineering student and is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character.



Aron K. Bellorodo

## Crowded Bancroft kindergarten class could be eased if some switch to Shawsheen School

By Ben Hellman

The school system has told Bancroft parents that they can move their kindergartners into classes with almost half as many students - by sending their children to a different school.

Bancroft principal Scott Morrison sent out letters to parents of kindergartners last week, informing them that the Shawsheen School, Andover's only choice K-2 school, has two

under-enrolled afternoon kindergarten classes. Shawsheen's two afternoon sections have 13 and 15 students while Bancroft's one section has 25 students.

"It was kind of a tough letter to write," said Morrison.

Shawsheen Principal Moira O'Brien was happy to oblige. "I offered it if any parents want to switch," she said.

Superintendent Claudia Bach

was enthusiastic about the opportunity. "I'd sure jump into that," she said.

## Back-to-School at Doherty

Doherty Middle School will hold its Back-to-School Night next Thursday, Sept. 26, beginning at 7 in the school auditorium.

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## WHAT'S UP

Not lots of  
AHS parkingBy Kyra Auffermann  
WHAT'S UP intern

About 50 percent of Stephen Richardson's and my time has been spent dealing with the parking issue," says Marilyn Jordan, assistant principal at Andover High, where lately, parking spaces for teachers and staff have become a growing problem.

With a rapidly increasing student population and limited space, parking permits are bestowed through a lottery system.

This year, however, about 16 seniors ended up being assigned a space on at Red Spring, one of the farthest from the school, and only 40 seniors received permits.

For many, it's their best job they could get. "It's not ideal," says Mr. Hughes, a senior. "It's not ideal," says Mr. Principal Ander-



Parking at Andover High remains a problem.

son is doing the best he can to put everyone where they want to be."

Most of the 16 seniors out at Red Spring, however, will soon get a chance to take a spot closer to the school. As of this

year, the Andover High administration has toughened its enforcement of the student parking policies, which include a loss of parking privileges as a result of

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## LOCAL SCHOLARS

Jonathan Anderson, a member of the Sanborn School Class of 2002, was named the State Milmo Award, presented in memory of late Sanborn teacher, Steven Milmo, to two students who exhibited a positive attitude throughout their years at Sanborn.

Jonathan's name will be inscribed on a plaque that will hang in Sanborn's gymnasium. Jonathan, the son of Diane Anderson, 40 Wild Rose Drive, began attending West Middle School this month.

Middlebury School in Concord held graduation for the class of 2002 in May. The following Andover residents received a diploma: **Martha A. Dietz**, sophomore, and **Daniel W. Hughes**.

A diploma with credit represents and a student average of 85 to 89.9 for a

student's entire academic career.

Dietz was co-recipient of the Thoreau Prize in the Visual Arts: Photography, honorable mention. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dietz.

Hughes was a recipient of the Charles L. (Ty) Prince Memorial Bowl and recipient of the W.P. Raymond Baseball Bowl. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hughes.

**Brady Reed**, a junior at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H. is on the honor roll for the fourth quarter.

Brady is the son of Doug and Karen Reed of Andover.

The following local students were named to the Governor Dummer Academy high honor roll (3.3 or above cumulative) for the second semester.

Class of 2002: **Rachelle E. Dennis, McKenzie G. Jones.**

Class of 2004: **Andrew L. Samel.**

Class of 2005: **Samuel M. Adams, Jennifer N. Muscatello.**

The following students were named to the honor roll (3.0 - 3.29 cumulative) for the second semester.

Class of 2002: **William R. Lindmark, Lauren R. Marsh.**

**Cyril K. Chan**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Chan of Andover, was one of 320 members of the class of 2002 who received a diploma at the 221st commencement exercises at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. on June 9.

He was a four-year student at the coeducational, independent secondary school.

## LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week. Sept. 23-27:

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Roast pork with potato, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks, chicken caesar salad, mashed potato, pears and milk.

**Tuesday:** Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, nachos with cheese sauce, animals day, corn, applesauce and milk.

**Wednesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken sticks, pizza rings with marinara sauce, pasta salad plate, sweet potato, milk and apple crisp.

**Thursday:** Cheeseburger with fries, french toast with sausage and syrup, slice of pizza, Trix yogurt plate, potato puffs, corn and milk. Lucky tray day.

**Friday:** Roast turkey dinner, hot dog on a roll, french bread pizza, fruit kabobs, cranberry sauce, corn and milk.

## High Plain Elementary

**Monday:** Roast pork with potato, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chicken caesar salad, mashed potato, pears and milk.

**Tuesday:** Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, pizza rings with marinara sauce, animals day, corn, applesauce and milk.

**Wednesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken sticks, mozzarella sticks, pasta salad plate, sweet potato and milk, apple crisp.

**Thursday:** Meatball sub, french toast with sausage and syrup, slice of pizza, Trix yogurt plate, potato puffs, corn and milk. Lucky tray day.

**Friday:** Roast turkey dinner, hot dog on a roll, nachos with cheese sauce, fruit kabobs, cranberry sauce, corn and milk.

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**Monday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets, steak and cheese sub, fresh fruit, corn and milk.

**Tuesday:** Roast pork dinner, nachos with cheese sauce, stuffed crust pizza, mashed potato, peaches and milk.

**Wednesday:** Beefy burritos, chicken McSchool, mozzarella sticks, peas, pears, milk, apple crisp.

**Thursday:** Oven-baked chicken, cheeseburger with fries, stuffed crust pizza, corn, peaches and milk.

**Friday:** Roast turkey dinner, baked chicken nuggets, two hot dogs with fries, green beans, apple and milk.

## Secondary schools

**Monday:** Roast pork dinner, max stuffed crust pizza, pizza pasta, bologna or ham sub with chips, carrots, applesauce and milk.

**Tuesday:** Beefy burritos, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, bologna or ham sub with chips, peas, pears, milk and pudding.

**Wednesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, bologna or ham sub with chips, green beans, apple and milk.

**Thursday:** Oven-baked chicken, bakery pizza, American chop suey, bologna or ham sub with chips, mashed potato, fresh fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, bologna or ham sub with chips, corn, peaches and milk.

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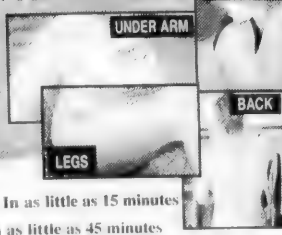
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## WHAT'S UP

## Parking woes at AHS

STUDENT PARKING PROBLEMS  
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leaving school grounds without permission, or arriving late five times in a semester. So far, seven or eight students — most of whom are seniors — have already had their parking permits revoked.

"These aren't new rules. Policies that have been in the handbook are just being enforced," reiterates Jordan.

Later in the year, if more students lose their spots, another lottery will be held so that students on waitlists can have another chance at obtaining a parking permit.

Due to the lack of space, there is a developing problem of students parking in other students' spaces. Kelsey Handstad, a junior, says, "People have been taking my parking spot, and the office hasn't done anything. Why do we have to pay for our spot when people take them anyway?"

"Some juniors have been taking senior spots at West Middle — I saw three this morning. There are so few spots that juniors shouldn't be taking a senior privilege," says Andrea Danielle, a senior.

However, Jason Durant, a junior, points out, "There are so many seniors

who don't use their spots. There's at least 50 spaces that go unused."

Some students on sports teams who didn't receive a permit this year will be eligible to receive one of the reserved spaces for varsity athletes. Peter Sullivan, a teacher and coach at AHS, disagrees with this arrangement. "We shouldn't give athletes special privilege. Everyone should be equal," he says, adding, "Why do they need spaces? Other than swimming, everyone's practice is on campus."

Carolyn Cody, a junior and varsity swimmer, says, "I think it's fair (for athletes to have parking spaces) because practice times can change, you need a ride — it's less hassle for parents."

The parking situation at Andover

High shows no signs of improving in the near future, as every possible space has been utilized. Some solutions, such as carpooling, aren't feasible due to the six-month passenger restriction for newly licensed drivers.

In the meantime, Principal Peter Anderson commends the students, saying that he "appreciates the fact so many students have been patient with the restrictions."

▶ *WHAT'S UP* is written by kids for kids. For more information about *WHAT'S UP*, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 978-623-8241; or Jack Grady, *Townsmen* assistant editor, at 978-475-7000. E-mail submissions to: <jack@andovertownsmen.com>.

## AHS to be evaluated

A committee from the Commission on Public Secondary Schools will conduct an onsite evaluation of Andover High School from Sunday, Oct. 20 to Wednesday, Oct. 23.

"The purpose of this evaluation visit is to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which the school is meeting the standards for accreditation," said Principal Peter Anderson.

Dr. Elaine Bessette, principal of Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Conn. is chairwoman of the evaluating committee.

"Our purpose in visiting Andover High School is not to criticize it, but to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education for its students," said Bessette.

Anderson asked School Committee members to keep Oct. 23 open to meet with Bessette and the committee.

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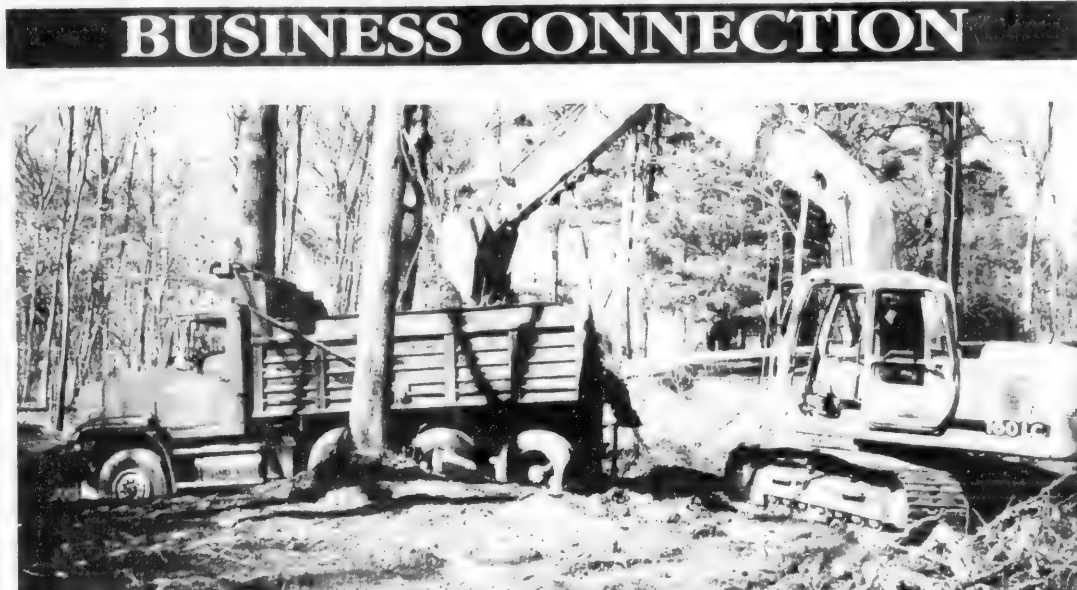
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# Sports

## AHS Roundup

# Girls swim, soccer teams blast off

By Rick Harrison

Placing first in two events and sweeping top three in eight others, the three-time reigning All-State Division 1 champion Andover High girls swim and dive team kicked off their season Tuesday night with a 109-68 victory over Notre Dame Academy of Fitchburg.

The Lady Warriors, still riding their four-year win streak, had a strong first half, receiving strong performances from a number of season veterans and several very impressive newcomers.

Coach Marilyn Fitzgerald's crew, with seven state and six sectional titles to their credit, piled up 109 points despite missing four top swimmers.

Lauren and Dana Harris were an older sister's providing, senior Caitlin Geary was making an official debut to Colgate University and Jamie Kapelson also made a prior commitment.

The score was tight but, "because we weren't trying to run it up," said coach Fitzgerald. "Everyone competed and no one swam in more than one individual event and no relay. We mixed up the relays to get split times on a few of the girls... and we were pleased with the results."

"We had some tremendous swims from the younger kids. The underclassmen have already shown they're ready to take whatever it takes to win a fourth state championship."

"We were just walking around it and produce those times this early in the season."

Freshmen Candice Peak and Caitlin Doherty had outstanding swims, and Terri McDonald (freshman) came out of the water.

"This is a very busy team with a lot of spirit," added Fitzgerald.

## GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Andover returns to the pool tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday morning (18 swimmers) their coaches have a 10 a.m. non-league dual meet at Middlesex League state power Belmont.

Bentley is the first big test, noted coach Fitzgerald.

## Andover 109 Notre Dame Academy 68

After donning their cars and wearing red, white and blue athletic shirts in celebration of the first "Let's Protest America" theme, the Lady Warriors drove to the water at Greater Lawrence Voc-Tech and fought ND Academy.

Coach Brown, who has narrowed her college choices to Maryland, UTexas, Notre Dame, URichmond and Tennessee, produced a state cut and a sectional win in the 500-yard freestyle.

Other state performers were Caitlin Doherty in the 100 butterfly (1:00.61), Candice Peak in the 100 backstroke (1:01.45), Capt. Holly Harris in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.16), the top two relays in the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay swim.

The winning 200 medley relay swimmers were Liz Manly (50), Holly Harris (100), Caitlin Doherty (50) and Terri McDonald (50), while the winning 400 free relay swimmers were Amy Carson (100), Doherty (100), Peak (100) and Terri McDonald (100).

Captain, head coach and coach was the team of Brooke Dean, Carson and Caitlin Doherty (4:00.14).

Winning 200 medley relay swimmers were Caitlin Doherty (50), Terri McDonald (50), Manly (50) and Carson (50) in the 100 free (58.81) and one meter free (1:00.61).

Other top performers were Carson (1:00.61) and the 200 medley relay (1:11.16), Courtney Hamer, Amanda Saunders, Capt. Miki H. Eghbalian and Holly Harris (1:11.16).

Relay swimmers were the 200 free relay (1:11.16) and the 400 free relay (1:11.16).

Running back, senior forward Dana Harris (1:11.16) and the 200 free relay (1:11.16).

Medaglio, Phuonghu Nguyen, Pallotta and Borden (1:56.41), along with the 400 free relay of Rita Gillan, O'Malley, Lauren Grobicki and Amanda Kaminski (4:26.41).

Completing top-three sweeps were Borden (200 free, 2:29.81), Chrissy Caselle (200 IM, 2:48.40), Livia Aloviseiti (50 free, 29.84), Gillan (500 free, 6:36.71), 200 medley relays Kostakis, Eghbalian, Pallotta, Christina Casey (2:01.61) and 400 free relays Borden, Carpenter, Caselle and McDonald (4:26.41).

Also third were diver Libby Fortier (152.77 points), Pallotta (100 fly, 1:16.31), Christina Casey (100 free, 1:02.73), Kaminski (100 back, 1:15.62), Courtney Hamer (100 breast, 1:23.78) and the 200 free relay of Monica Chung, Danielle Perry, Amy Kasparian and Aloviseiti (2:10.78).

## GIRLS SOCCER

If the first three games are any indication, the Andover High girls varsity soccer team is going to be one tough customer this fall.

The Lady Warriors opened the season with a pair of extremely impressive wins, mauling MVC rival Central Catholic 5-1 and whitewashing visiting New Jersey power Kearny High, 2-0.

A 2-2 tie with likewise-unbeaten upstart Tewksbury on Tuesday afternoon produced a blip on the screen, but coach Dick Loschi hopes the deadlock will serve as a wakeup call for the defending Division 1 North champs.

## Schedule

Andover (2-0-1) plays at Haverhill this afternoon (3:30 p.m.) and hosts non-league Bishop Fenwick of Peabody Saturday noon at Lovely Field.

A scheduled game at Billerica was postponed last week because of confusion caused when BMHS twice changed the starting time.

The mix-up caused Andover to arrive at the field shortly after several Billerica players had gone home and others were leaving.

No makeup date has yet been announced.

## Youth Soccer Night

The annual Andover Youth Soccer Association Night is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3 at Lovely Field.

Youth soccer players who wear their uniform shirt, and are accompanied by an adult, will be admitted to the AHS doubleheader free of charge.

The Andover girls will play Chelmsford, coached by former Lady Warriors' star player Anne Murnane, at 5 p.m., and the Andover boys battle Central Catholic in the nightcap at 7 p.m.

## Andover 5 Central Catholic 1

Kicking off the campaign in mid-season form, the Lady Warriors received goals from five players on the way to the convincing victory over new MVC rival Central which beat the locals twice last fall (3-2 and 2-0).

Last time we saw these people they took it to us," said Loschi. "Like the Patriots against Pittsburgh, we wanted to come out and establish control from the start."

Our passing was smooth and we took advantage of our opportunities. It was nice to play so well and win convincingly.

It was an exceptional performance for a season opener... and it put a leading opponent behind us right away," said Loschi.

Sophomore midfielder Jackie Powers, who recent-



There are big smiles all around the field as Ashley Faulk (not in photo) scores a goal late in the game against Tewksbury Tuesday afternoon, tying the game. Both teams remain undefeated.



Erica Weeks gets a shot off against Tewksbury.

ly helped the Bandits club team to the state 15-under championship, opened the scoring just 93 seconds into the game with an assist to defender Samantha Hughes.

Capt. Jenny Muller made it 2-0 at 11:45, the setup to Powers, and that's how it stood at halftime.

Junior forward Allison Kerivan connected at 2:27 of the second half, converting a pass from freshman prospect Emily Pallotta.

An unassisted goal by Erica Weeks at 14:02 boosted the lead to a commanding 4-0.

Central got on the board when Casey Grange scored with just over 10 minutes to play, but Pallotta got that one back with only 1:15 left as Emily Gentile assisted.

Brooke Torre played the last 60 minutes in net for AHS, making eight saves while blanking the visiting Raiders.

Sophomore Micaela Smith and junior Ananna Mihotis split the final 20 minutes and combined for three stops.

Andover finished with a 20-12 edge in shots on net.

Loschi also lauded the outstanding defensive play of midfielder Sloan McCauley and Capt. Julia Gatti.

## Andover 2 Kearny, N.J. 0

Jackie Powers broke the scoreless tie with the winning goal just 1:59 into the second half, the assist credited to Allison Kerivan.

Kerivan took a shot that struck the crossbar and rebounded out front, where Powers collected the ball and drove it home.

Jenny Muller provided the insurance at 26:09 with assists to Powers and junior defender Laval Hanna.

Hanna brought the ball down the right wing and passed across to Powers, who drifted to the left corner before firing a pass to Muller in the slot.

"That play went exactly like we drew it up on the blackboard," said coach Loschi, tongue planted firmly in cheek.

This was Kearny's first game of the season. They were top 10 in New Jersey last year and graduated 13 players from that team.

"We didn't know anything about them and that gave us some concern," admitted Loschi.

"We dominated the game. We were aggressive to the ball and moved it around well. Their goalkeeper kept them in contention the first half."

"We were the better-skilled team and were able to take them out of their game. A win like this is a big confidence-builder for us," said Loschi.

The Lady Warriors finished with a 15-4 shot-on-goal edge, and keepers Micaela Smith (first half) and Brooke Torre made two saves each.

Also landed in the strong play were forward Ashley Faulk, midfielder Sloan McCauley and defender Courtney Hale.

Kermy played North Andover the following night and lost by the same 2-0 score.

## Andover 2 Tewksbury 2

Certainly less so, Team Tewksbury (2-0-2) gave the locals a lesson in tenacity.

"We were lazy and perhaps took them too lightly, although we stressed throughout the entire practice the day before that Tewksbury would not be an easy opponent," said Loschi.

"We were too complacent and after we scored early (4:54 into game) it made us even more laid back."

"We had some breakdowns in communication on the field, and our passing was poor in the first half," said the coach.

## FOOTBALL

# It finally happens: Warriors shut out

By Rick Harrison

The youthful Andover High football team had problems penetrating the Malden Catholic defense all night, as the Golden Warriors opened the season with a 19-0 non-league loss to the host Lancers in Malden.

This was the first-ever meeting between the two teams on the gridiron, and AHS had gone 15 straight games without being shut out.

Malden Catholic broke a scoreless struggle with 10 points in the second quarter, and added a TD pass in the third and safety in the fourth.

Andover had some encouraging individual performances, moving the ball fairly well at times before stalling in MC territory. Four Lancer pass interceptions didn't help the locals' cause.

Sophomore running back Matt Hennessy was the top AHS ballcarrier with 47 yards on seven carries, and he also caught three passes for 29 yards.

Nick Stamas grabbed two aerials covering 44 yards, and freshman Buddy Farnham made a solid varsity debut with 13 yards on three rushes, one pass reception, seven tackles and a fumble recovery.

Junior quarterback Joel Keefe completed six passes for 79 yards in his first varsity start for the locals.

The Golden Warriors also forced four turnovers (two interceptions, two fumble recoveries).

Joining Farnham with staunch defensive efforts were sophomore John Fox (team-high eight tackles, one sack), lineman Phil Perkins (seven tackles), cornerback Nick Stamas (two interceptions), end Chris Vining (fumble recovery) and Jordan Thibault (five tackles, sack).

Linebackers Greg Hartwell and Jason White made six tackles each and Hennessy chipped in five at outside backer.

Malden Catholic was paced by running back Sean Layton, who chewed up 142 yards on 27 rushes.

Lancers QB Kevin Riley also threw for 131 yards and a touchdown.

Layton scored first on a four yard run in the second period, and MC placekicker Marc Bartholdi booted a 24 yard field goal late in the first half.

Riley and wide receiver David DeMaria hooked up on a 52 yard pass play for the backbreaking score in the third stanza, and the safety came when a punt snap sailed out of the end zone.

Coach Ken Maglio's crew returns to action tomorrow night with its home opener at Lovely Field (7 p.m.), another non-league clash against first-time foe Wachusett Regional of Holden.

The Central Mass. Division 1 school replaces Foxboro on the schedule.

## GAME SUMMARY

AHS FOOTBALL										
MALDEN CATHOLIC 19, ANDOVER 0										
Andover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malden Catholic	0	10	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	19
No scoring										
Second Quarter										
MC: Sean Layton 4 run (Marc Bartholdi kick)										
MC: Bartholdi 24 field goal										
Third Quarter										
MC: David DeMaria 52 pass from Kevin Riley (Bartholdi kick)										
Fourth Quarter										
MC: Safety punt snap out of end zone										
Team Statistics										
First Downs: Andover 6, Malden Catholic 9										
Rushes/Yards: Andover 18-60, Malden Catholic 36-157										
Passing: Andover 6-20-4, 80 yards, Malden Catholic 6-12-2, 131 yards										
Total Yards: Andover 140, Malden Catholic 288										
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 1-0, Malden Catholic 3-2										
Penalties/Yards: Andover 5-30-2, Malden Catholic 5-45										
Records: Andover 0-1, Malden Catholic 1-0										
Individual Statistics										
Rushing: A. Matt Hennessy 7-47, Buddy Farnham 3-13, Joel Keefe 7-3, MC: Sean Layton 27-142										
Passing: A. Joel Keefe 6-19-3, 79 yards, Buddy Farnham 0-1-1, MC: Kevin Riley 6-12-2, 131 yards, TD										
Receiving: A. Matt Hennessy 3-29, Nick Stamas 2-44, Buddy Farnham 1-6										
Fumble Recoveries: A. Nick Stamas 2										
Sacks By: A. Jordan Thibault 1, John Fox 1										
Tackles: A. John Fox 8, Buddy Farnham 7, Phil Perkins 7, Greg Hartwell 6, Jason White 6, Matt Hennessy 5, Jordan Thibault 5, Matt Wolfman 4, Russ Stevens 4										

Jackie Powers, scoring for the third time in three games, put AHS ahead 1-0 at 4:54 with an assist to freshman Emily Pallotta. Powers caught up to a through pass from Pallotta and slammed the ball past Tewksbury goalkeeper Kelly Boyle.

"We had a lot of shots on net but almost all of them were directly at the keeper," said Loschi. "We're a good shooting team but in this game we made it pretty easy for her (Boyle)."

Tewksbury then rattled the locals when Sarah Russell scored a pair of rapid-fire goals less than five minutes apart, at 18:38 and 23:06, to give TMHS a 2-1 lead.

"We played better in the second half," said Loschi. "But it was still frustrating because we didn't create many dangerous chances."

Senior forward Ashley Faulk tied it 2-2 with her first goal of the season at the 20:10 mark of the final half, the assist to Amanda Kerivan who initiated the play with a header saved by Boyle.

The rebound bounced out to Faulk and she blasted the ball home.

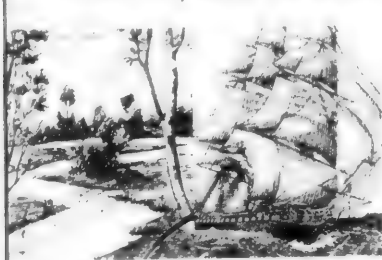
Boyle was credited with 20 saves, while the Andover goalkeeping tandem of Brooke Torre (first half, four saves) and Micaela Smith (second half, three saves) combined for seven stops.

Also playing well were defender Jackie Alexander and midfielders Megan

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# ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

**September**  
13 — at Malden Catholic, L, 0-19  
20 — Wachuset Regional, 7 p.m.  
27 — at Methuen, 7 p.m. (Nicholson Stadium)

**October**  
4 — Lowell, 7 p.m.  
11 — Tewksbury, 7 p.m.  
18 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m. (Haverhill Stadium)  
25 — at Dracut, 7 p.m. (Beaudry Field)

**November**  
1 — Exeter, N.H., 7 p.m.  
8 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m. (Simonian Alumni Stadium)  
15 — Billerica, 7 p.m.  
28 — Central Catholic, 10 a.m.  
**Head Coach:** Ken Maglio.  
**Record Last Year:** 4-6.

## BOYS SOCCER

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

**September**  
6 — at Ipswich, L, 0-3  
10 — at Lowell, W, 1-0  
12 — vs. Pentucket Regional, W, 1-0  
14 — vs. North Andover, L, 1-3  
17 — at Billerica, W, 2-1  
19 — Haverhill, 7 p.m.  
21 — Chelmsford, 7 p.m.  
23 — St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m. (non-ue)  
24 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.

**October**  
1 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
3 — Central Catholic, 7 p.m.  
8 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
12 — Duxbury, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)  
15 — Lowell, 7 p.m.  
17 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
22 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
24 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — Somerville, 7 p.m. (non-league)  
27 — MVC All-Star Game, 5:30 p.m.  
**Head Coach:** Mike Wartmna.  
**Record Last Year:** 11-7-3.

## GIRLS SOCCER

(Home Games at Lovely Field)

**September**  
10 — Central Catholic, W, 5-1  
12 — at Billerica, ppd.  
13 — Kearny, N.J., W, 2-0  
17 — Tewksbury, T, 2-2  
19 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
21 — Bishop Fenwick, noon (non-league)  
24 — at Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
28 — Notre Dame Academy-Hingham, 6:30 p.m. (non-league)

**October**  
1 — at Lowell, 7 p.m.  
3 — Chelmsford, 5 p.m.  
8 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
11 — Pentucket Regional, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)  
12 — at Notre Dame Academy-Hingham, 2 p.m. (non-league)  
15 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.  
17 — Central Catholic, 7 p.m.  
19 — Marian High, 6:15 p.m. (non-league)  
22 — at Chelmsford, 7 p.m.  
24 — Methuen, 7 p.m.  
26 — North Andover, 7 p.m.  
27 — MVC All-Star Game, TBA  
**Head Coach:** Dick Loschi.  
**Record Last Year:** 16-8. Division 1 North champ, state semifinalist.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)

**September**  
10 — Lowell, W, 2-0  
12 — Phillips Academy, W, 3-0  
13 — at Central Catholic, L, 0-2  
17 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, W, 2-0  
19 — Billerica, 6:30 p.m.  
23 — Lexington, 4 p.m. (non-league)  
24 — at Lowell, 6:30 p.m.  
26 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
30 — at Barnstable, 5 p.m. (non-League)

**October**  
1 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.  
3 — Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m.  
7 — Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m.  
9 — at Haverhill, 6:30 p.m.  
11 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
14 — Newton South, noon (non-league)  
15 — Westford Academy, 3:30 p.m.  
17 — at Billerica, 6:30 p.m.  
21 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
23 — Dracut, 6:30 p.m.  
25 — at Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m.  
28 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
**Head Coach:** George Sullivan.  
**Record Last Year:** 18-4. Division 1 North Tournament finalist.

## GOLF

(Home Matches at Indian Ridge CC)

**September**  
3 — St. John's Prep, L, 229-242  
5 — Lowell, W, 259-263  
10 — at Haverhill, T, 251-251  
12 — Chelmsford, W, 247-263  
17 — Lowell, L, 238-252

19 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Trull Brook CC)  
20 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m. (Hickory Hill GC)  
23 — at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m., non-league (Salem, Ma. CC)  
24 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Chelmsford CC)  
27 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack GC)

**October**  
1 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
4 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.  
8 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
10 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m. (CC of Billerica)  
16 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
**Head Coach:** Bob Lawson.  
**Record Last Year:** 11-5. Division 1 North runner-up, 4th All-State Division 1.

## FIELD HOCKEY

**September**

5 — at Bedford, W, 4-0  
11 — Dracut, W, 6-0  
13 — at Lawrence, W, 4-0  
17 — Chelmsford, L, 1-0  
18 — at Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.  
20 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.  
23 — Bedford, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)  
25 — Methuen, 7 p.m.  
27 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
30 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

**October**  
2 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
4 — Lawrence, 3:30  
7 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — Tyngsboro, 7 p.m.  
11 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.  
18 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
21 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m.  
23 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
**Head Coach:** Maureen Noone.  
**Record Last Year:** 17-2-1. MVC champion, Division 1 North semifinalist.

## GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

(Home Meets at Gr. Lawrence Vo-Tech)

**September**  
13 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, W, 109-68  
20 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.  
21 — at Belmont, 9:30 a.m. (non-league)  
24 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.  
27 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m. (Gr. Lowell Tech)

**October**  
1 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.  
3 — at Acton-Boxboro, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)  
8 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

10 — Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)  
15 — Nashua, N.H., 3:30 p.m.  
18 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
22 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
24 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
31 — MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m. (diving at Lowell High)

**November**  
1 — MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m. (swimming at Haverhill High)  
**Head Coach:** Marilyn Fitzgerald.  
**Record Last Year:** 13-0. MVC, Division 1 North Sectional and All-State champ.

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**September**

10 — at Lowell, L, 15-47  
10 — vs. Billerica at Lowell, W, 15-48  
18 — Lawrence & Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
23 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

**October**

2 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
16 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
22 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (Chelmsford High)  
**Head Coach:** Leo Lafond.  
**Record Last Year:** 5-5.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**September**

10 — at Lowell, L, 23-38  
10 — vs. Billerica at Lowell, L, 26-30  
18 — Lawrence & Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
23 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

**October**

9 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
16 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
22 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m. (Chelmsford High)  
**Head Coach:** Leo Lafond.  
**Record Last Year:** 2-7.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

### ■ GIRLS SOCCER

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Charlebois and Sloan McCauley.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The Andover High girls varsity cross country team had their first dual meet of the season, opening MVC season against Billerica and Lowell on the boys bowing to both opponents while the girls split.

The girls won against Lowell 18-15 and Billerica 17-15. The girls' season opener was on Sept. 15 at Lowell. Andover won 18-15 and Billerica 17-15.

#### Schedule

The girls' season opener was on Sept. 15 at Lowell. Andover won 18-15 and Billerica 17-15.

New Middlebury girls varsity soccer team will play their first game on Sept. 20 at Andover.

#### Andover girls

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whose 14:29 clocking was a new course record.

"Shaw ran exceptionally well and Durkin established himself as one of the best runners in the league," said coach Sullivan.

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Stephanie Krey (hitting), sophomore Erin Korte (hitting, defense) and freshman Kelly O'Dea played well.

The Andover freshmen were 2-0 winners, 30-18 and 30-21, as Casey Lawrence and Samantha Kerivan led the team.

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"Ashley was all over the place making plays, and Kane did a tremendous job setting the ball," said coach Sullivan.

Meagan Merinder contributed two kills, 7-for-11 hitting, four aces, 10-for-11 serving and seven digs.

Casey Lawrence had three kills, 7-for-11 hitting, one ace, 4-for-6 serving and nine digs.

Adrienne Hinds was a serving dynamo, 17-for-17 with two aces, and she went 3-for-4 hitting with one kill.

Rounding out the top performers was Alik Apelian with one kill, 2-for-3 hitting, 4-for-4 serving and four digs.

Sisters Kelly and Keri O'Dea also played well for the winners.

The Andover JV's (2-1) posted a 2-1 triumph in the prelim with game scores of 30-18, 25-30 and 30-12.

Playing well for coach Art Iworsky were Caitlin Toland (hitting), Kristen Pinksten, Jen Merinder and Samantha Kerivan.

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be the locals' only MVC setback last fall.

AHS sophomore goaltender Elissa Slovin was sharp with nine saves, while Ashley Norman made 10 stops on the way to the shutout.

Samantha Rowe and Melanie Borodawka set up the only goal for Chelmsford (2-0-1).

Four players scored a goal each, and the Lady Warriors chalked up their third straight shutout, on the way to the MVC win at Lawrence.

Jacqui Munro broke the scoreless tie at 21:42 of the first half, converting from the right side off a pass from Stephanie Casper.

Less than five minutes later (25:59) sophomore Jamie Maltz made it 2-0, completing a crisp passing play with Casper and Munro who worked a nice give-and-go.

Senior forward Carolyn Berberian pocketed her first goal of the season at 5:29 of the second half, tipping in a crossing pass from Grace Farnham.

Adrienne Shea capped the attack with less than six minutes to play, scoring off a corner with the assist to Casper.

Goalies Elissa Slovin (45 minutes) and sophomore Ayesha Rabbini (15 minutes) combined for the shutout.

Coach Maureen Noone lauded the play of Casper, junior defender Ali McCoy and junior midfielder Krissy Lewis.

"Stephanie continues to dominate play, and Ali did an excellent job keeping the ball at the 50 and feeding out forwards to start plays," said Noone.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Cream of the crop: 'Got Milk?' campaigners look for ad star in town

By O'Ryan Johnson

More than 80 children got milk on Friday as the National Dairy Council's promotional tour moo-ved through Andover.

Organizers dangled a chance to appear on the popular MTV show "Total Request Live," and introduced kids to a bevy of fla-

vored milks in hopes of weaning children off carbonated drinks and replacing those beverages with milk. The "Got Milk?" campaign says it is searching for a kid with the energy and creativity to appear in their own "Got Milk?" advertisement.

The tour offered children a chance to be pictured wearing a milk mustache, which has become the cornerstone of the "Got Milk?" advertising campaign.

"I drink milk everyday," said 11-year-old Emily Muller of Andover. "Because I love milk.

It's all cold and it tastes good."

She and her friend, Kasey Quinlan, 11, of Andover, appeared in a total of three milk-mustache shots.

They rate their chances of winning the nationwide contest as very good.

"Because I was really extra loud," Quinlan said. "With me and all my friends."

Michelle Zmuda, spokesman for the "Got Milk?" campaign, said the tour will hit 100 cities promoting the benefits of drinking four 8-ounce glasses of milk per day.

The children drank dozens of free 8-ounce milk bottles on Friday, but parents were skeptical about the beverage's enduring popularity at home.

Ron Hatem, 42, of Andover said his two boys, Ron and Kyle, eagerly drank milk at the event, which included a disc jockey blaring hip-hop music, colorful stage sets and mock backstage passes.

"They go, 'Dad, you want some milk, it's free?'" Hatem said. "I said, 'It's free at home, why don't you drink it there?'"

Zmuda said by this week participating children will know whether they were selected as a finalist in the "Got Milk?" ad search, by going online to <www.whymilk.com>.



Steven Brickman, 14, of Andover, poses for a photograph with a milk mustache during a stop of the "Milk Rules! Road Trip Tour" at the Andover Skate Park.



A little help from hometown "DJ Jazzy Junior" Carter Afshin with Supercow kept the tunes spinning for the crowd of kids Friday.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, September 19

**Parent to Parent**, co-sponsors SEPAC and Parent to Parent present Jonathan Mooney author of *Living Outside the Lines* to talk about his experiences as a dyslexic, hyperactive student, a leader in LD/ADHD disabilities and alternative education, parents, educators and students invited, free, 7 p.m. West Middle School auditorium.

**Late registration**, DCS will continue registration for fall classes during office hours: 978-623-8274.

**Open House**, the Mother Connection is inviting people new to the area, first time parents or looking for new activities for their children to an open house, free, 7-8:30 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover: 978-725-0443.

**Talk**, Andre Dubus III, author of *Bluesman* and *House of Sand and Fog* will speak, answer questions and sign books, free, 7-9 p.m., Nevins Memorial Library, tickets required, 205 Broadway, Methuen: 978-686-4080, ext. 18.

### Friday, September 20

**Live music**, White Lightning, no cover, 9 p.m., Palmer's restaurant, Elm Street, 978-470-1606.

**Live music**, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, Family Pops Concert, advance tickets \$12, family four-pack \$35, advance student and senior \$10, all tickets at the door \$15, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover: 978-837-5355, <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>.

**Yard sale**, Merrimack Valley YMCA benefits, Lawrence Branch's WorkLinks Program, donations needed such as furniture, books, clothes, etc., sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence, to donate call: Chris Costello or Liz Wheatly, 978-686-6181 Ext. 26.

**Live music**, New England String Ensemble, \$30 general admission, \$22 seniors and students, 8 p.m., First Parish Church in Wakefield: 781-224-1117.

**Football game**, Andover High School varsity home game opener, Andover Golden Warriors hosting Wachusett Regional High School, \$5 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens, 7 p.m. kick off, Eugene

Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Jim Hurley 978-470-2031.

**Live music**, with Geoffrey Gee, \$10, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill: 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Live comedy**, Paul Nardizzi, Ted Barrett, Val Kappa, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover: 781-938-8988.

**Live comedy**, Rosie's Bachelorette Party, Paul D'Angelo, Scott Rose, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road: 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

**Live music**, Patrick Bernard, healing music, 7 p.m., Haverhill City Hall Auditorium, Haverhill: for information and tickets call Carol Marquis, Collaborative Health Services, 978-556-3700.

**Live music**, Huntington Brass Quintet, free, doors open 7 p.m., limited seating, first come first served, Topsfield Town Library, Topsfield.

### Saturday, September 21

**Outdoor film**, *Forest Gump*, (Rated PG, 142 mins.), part of *Mosquito Cinema* series, 9 p.m., outside Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy: 978-749-4015, rain moves film inside Kemper Auditorium, next to Addison.

**Townwide yard sale**, \$5 for a spot, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Park, Bartlett and Chestnut Streets, rain date Saturday, Sept. 28: 978-623-8274.

**Workshops**, sew a pair of flannel pants ages 12 and parent; Knit Pearl Stitching Workshop and the NRA Home Firearms Safety Course for ages 18 and up, all programs run 9 a.m.-1 p.m., pre-registration required: 978-623-8274.

**Punt, pass and kick contest**, sponsored by Gatorade, hosted by Tom Saab Associates, for boys and girls ages 8-15, 11 a.m., the New England Bible Church Soccer Field, 60 Chandler Rd., entry form needed: 978-683-6699.

**Italian buffet**, variety of Italian entrees, salad, desserts, everyone welcome, \$10 adults, \$5 children, 5-7 p.m., continuous seating, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation

Rd.: 978-470-1609.

**Yard and plant sale**, Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover is holding their annual yard and plant sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., rain date Sunday, Sept. 22, 111 Peters St., North Andover.

**Supper**, ham and bean supper, tickets at the door, \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 children, 5-6:30 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Rd., Lowell.

**Apple Festival**, sponsored by the North Reading Historical and Antiquarian Society, games, crafts, art, free, rain or shine, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the grounds of the Reverend Daniel Putnam House, Bow St., North Reading.

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**Live comedy**, three-women sketch comedy team, \$10, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill: 978-521-7664.

### Sunday, September 22

**Interfaith service and discussion**, Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster discuss their book *In Search of America*, at an interfaith service, book signing to follow, free, 11 a.m., Phillips Academy's Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue.

**White Fund lecture series**, a slide-lecture journey from the changing face of Boston to the technical and political forces that made the Big Dig possible, free, Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence.

**Baseball tryouts**, team New England AAU Baseball Club, ages 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U and 16U teams for 2003 season, 3-5 p.m., Merrimack College, North Andover: 978-685-3333.

**Classic car show**, Sponsored by BMW Massachusetts Retail Group, annual Castle Hill Concours d'Elegance, the show of pristine classic cars, adults \$20, children \$10, Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Rd. Ipswich: 978-356-7774, <www.castlehillconcours.com>

### Monday, September 23

No events scheduled.

### Tuesday, September 24

**Live jazz**, with the Chris Neville Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.: 603-893-6553.

**Chamber Music Concert**, North

## Concert planned to offset costs

Andover High School hopes show will cover club fees for year

By Ben Hellman

Step right up, buy a ticket, and support Andover High School. That's what Principal Peter Anderson is hoping will occur with his new plan to subsidize AHS after-school clubs with ticket sales to an upcoming Collins Center concert. The concert is being given by the Bo Winiker Orchestra and Anderson says that if all of the 1,200 seats are sold, AHS clubs will be in the green.

Anderson said he needs to make up \$47,000 to fund clubs and activities without requiring activity fees. He wasn't willing to ask parents to pay for their children to be in the National Honor Society, or student gov-

ernment or to create and sell the yearbook.

"I spent the last couple of weeks trying to be creative," said Anderson. Along with the proceeds of the concert, the yearbook will raise its prices and Anderson will use other "discretionary funds" to keep the clubs and activities without charging fees.

The funds go towards stipends for teachers who are class and club advisers.

Superintendent Claudia Bach called Anderson's plan "a formula (that's) a little more palatable" than straight fees. The plan was also well-received by the School Committee.

The Bo Winiker Orchestra

has played at President Clinton's inauguration and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

They do jazz, swing and big band and allow audience members to dance on stage. The performance is on Friday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets will cost \$25.

Andover High School will hold their Annual Club/Activity Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 2 during all three lunches.

It will be an opportunity for students to see what clubs are available.

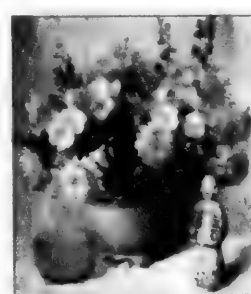
"We encourage students to start their own club," said Andover High School assistant principal Marilyn Jordan, noting that students must find a teacher who is willing to be an adviser.

## Whistler opens fall exhibit

The Whistler House Museum is hosting an exhibit of select paintings by New England artist George Loftus Noyes (1864-1954) from now until Oct. 19.

One of the strongest landscape artists in Boston, Noyes' post-impressionistic style and pointillistic technique invite comparisons with the French 19th-century artist Georges Seurat, according to a release. Noyes' subject matter included New England landscapes, as well as scenes from his travels to New York and Mexico.

The paintings are on loan from the collection of Weston



George Loftus Noyes' oil painting *Old Time Bouquet*

residents William and Jean Gale. The exhibit will also feature paintings by the artist from the museum's permanent collection.

## So long, SiteLines

Installation exhibit to disappear from sight

By Rebecca Piro

Say goodbye to *SiteLines*.

The summer-long exhibit that merged efforts from the town, local schools and Phillips Academy will close officially on Sept. 29. Outdoor sculptures and indoor exhibitions will disappear slowly from that point on, says Julie Bernson, education director at PA's Addison Gallery.

There is, however, a slight chance that at least one exhibit will stick around. Artist Jason Middlebrook told a *Townsmen* reporter last month that he hoped the town would consider keeping his platform, titled *What to Look For*, for at least the next year.

The intent of the installation is to provide a place and opportunity for people to look around at things they would normally pass without a second glance.

Middlebrook has said. The platform is standing outside of Old Town Hall on Main Street.

Town Manager Buzz Stacyszynski says he received a letter from the Addison, proposing that the platform remain for an extended period of time. Stacyszynski is working to get feedback from town departments and selectmen before a decision is made.

*SiteLines*, which was intended to create dialogue between the town, the school and surrounding communities, will close without the fanfare it opened with. The Addison had tentatively scheduled a closing discussion and reflection for this week, but decided to cancel it due to Yom Kippur and the primary election.

The Addison's three fall exhibits will open this month.

## Historical Society tours from top to bottom

On Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., the Andover Historical Society will offer an "Attic to Basement Tour" of the Amos Blanchard House.

The elegant 1820s Federal home, located at 97 Main St., exemplifies the architecture and building techniques of the early 19th century.

Local architect Jane Griswold will lead the tour, which includes the third floor and views up to the fourth-floor crawl space and the large basement featuring the original well and stone walls.

The "Attic to Basement Tour" costs \$12, \$8 for Historical Society members. Call 978-475-2236 for information and reservations.

Visit <www.andhist.org> for further information.

## Reading with pride

Phillips Academy will host a continuous reading of books that have been banned or challenged in conjunction with the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week."

The reading will be held Sunday, Sept. 22 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Oliver Wendall Holmes Library on Phillips' campus. Books will be read in 15-minute segments.

For more information, contact Tim Sprattler at the library at 978-749-4226.



Andover resident Dana Bissett (center) stars in the Burlington Players' show *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. The show opens Friday, Sept. 20. Call 781-229-2649 for tickets and information.

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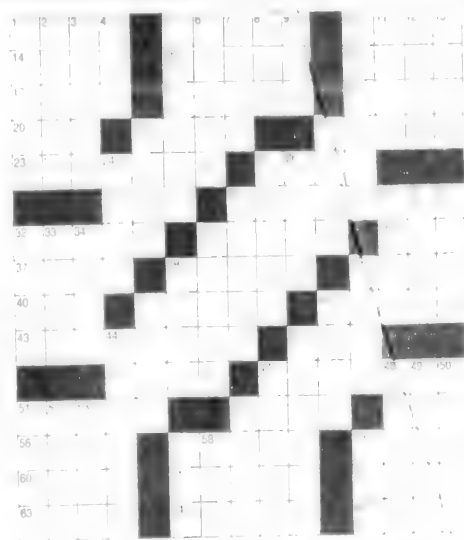
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19. Raincoat
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21. Employee stock ownership plan
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25. Stalk of a moss capsule
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51. Arrangement
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11. Expression of sorrow or pity
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Shore Chamber Music Ensemble. Eden's Edge, free, 2 p.m. meet the artists reception will be held following concert, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 323 Locust St., Rte. 35, Danvers; 978-768-6229. <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

## Wednesday, September 25

Weigh-in, fourth and fifth graders will be weighed with and without backpacks to see if they are carrying more than 15 percent of their body weight, free, 7-8:30 a.m., circular drive at Town Offices; 978-623-8274.

Talk, Andover resident Ray Potvin will discuss his book *The Scalp Hunters*, the story of scalp hunting expeditions made up of Merrimack Valley farmers seeking to profit in exchange for Indian scalps by the Massachusetts Governors Council, free, 9 a.m., Memorial Hall Library.

Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-685-8317. <www.mvccameraclub.org>.

## Thursday, September 26

Talk, author/photographer, John Suter discusses his book *Poets on the Edge*, Gary Snyder, Philip Whalen & Jack Kerouac in North Andover, talk includes slides, free.

Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Fashion show, fundraiser, all proceeds benefit SuitAbility, providing interview/work clothing to low-income women, \$25, 7 p.m., Lowell Elks, Old Ferry Road, Lowell; 978-934-8898.

Storytellers, storyteller night, free, 8-10 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>.

## Friday, September 27

Storytelling, Young local storytellers, free, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Dave Greenberg, Troy Diamond, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, with Jeffrey Foucault, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Wine tasting, Friends of the Tewksbury Library will hold a gala fundraiser to benefit the Friends' Endowment Fund, variety of wine, beers and non-alcoholic beverages and hors d'oeuvres, \$20-\$25, tickets required, Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury; 978-640-4490. <www.tewksburypl.org>.

Chamber Music Concert, North

Shore Chamber Music Ensemble. Eden's Edge, \$18, 8 p.m. meet the artists reception will be held following concert, Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Heperus Ave., Gloucester; 978-283-7673. <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

## Saturday, September 28

Casino night, Family Services Inc. has planned a Casino Night at the Lanam Club, hosted by friends of the Lanam Club, proceeds benefit Family Services, food, entertainment and casino, \$85 per person, 7-11 p.m., Lanam Club, 260 Main St.; for more information and tickets contact the Lanam Club; 978-475-5210.

Book signing, local author Kathleen Doble will sign copies of her young adult novel, *Bridging Beyond*, free, 11 a.m.-noon, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Dave Greenberg, Troy Diamond, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Religious class, one day, non-credit class, Toward Understanding Islam, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; 978-556-3800.

Film, animation and film shorts with film commentator David Kleier, \$8, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Live music, with Ed Jurdi, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Chamber music concert, North Shore Chamber Music Ensemble. Eden's Edge, \$18, 8 p.m. meet the artists reception will be held following concert, King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper St., Marblehead; <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

## Sunday, September 29

Live music, sponsored by Phillips Academy music and the Chinese departments and Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach, *Masters of the Silk Road*, Xu Ke will play the erhu and be accompanied by Edward Arroncello; Li Wang, piano; and Liqun Li on the yang-qin, free, 3 p.m., Phillips Academy's Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 978-749-4995.

Walk/Run for Elders, 5.5 miles or 2 mile walk or 5K run, beginning and ending at Elders' Services, Lawrence, proceeds benefit Elders' Services Elder Care Fund, Meals on Wheels and area Councils on Aging/Senior Centers; 1-800-892-0890.

## Choral Arts Society searches for singers

The Choral Arts Society, also known as CAS, is looking for all voice parts.

Rehearsals have begun on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Elm Street in North Andover, according to a release.

Under the direction of John Vincent Cice, the CAS will perform Handel's *Messiah* at a concert planned for December.

Call for more information or to schedule an audition. Those interested can contact Rick Seaman at 603-382-5070. They can also contact Sheila Kanan at 978-373-4990.

## Songs and strings at NESE

Soprano Dominique Labelle joins conductor Susan Davenny Wyner and the New England String Ensemble for the Season Premiere concert "From Darkness to Light" at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 at the First Parish Church in Wakefield and at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at the St. Andrews Church in Andover.

Featuring the premieres of the string quartets by Pulitzer Prize winner the American composer Christopher YOUNG, and Dominique Labelle in JS Bach's "Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen" the concerts trace a rich emotional journey, according to a press release.

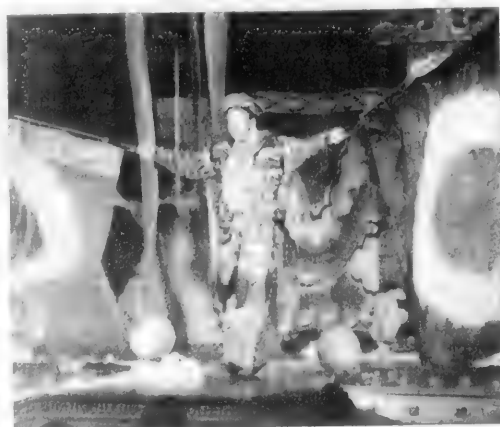
Soprano Dominique Labelle is known for the luminous beauty of her voice, her committed stage presence and the impeccable musicianship that she brings to her appearances in opera, concert, and recital, the release says. She has appeared with many of the finest symphonies, including those of Boston, Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Montreal, New York, Philadel-

phia, San Francisco, St. Paul and Toronto. Other past conductors such as Howard Hanson, Christopher Hogwood, John Nelson, Kurt Masur, Nicholas McGegan, Scott Orledge, Sir Roger Norrington, Robert Shaw and Franz Welser-Moog.

Composers of the 20th century have produced a wealth of new and exciting music. The work has won a Pulitzer Prize, for his *Three Songs* Concerto and a Grammy Award for *Concerto for Clarinet*, as well as election to the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Tickets are priced at \$30 for general admission and \$22 for seniors and students. For Friday tickets in Wakefield, call the New England String Ensemble office at 781-224-1117. For Sunday tickets at Sanders Theatre, call 617-496-2222. Group and family discounts are available.

For additional program and ticket information online go to <www.nese.net>



## Magical show returns with bag full of tricks

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., Le Grand David and his Spectacular Magic Company will continue playing every Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Cabot St. Cinema Theatre throughout 2002. The Le Grand David Magic Company has been in residence at the Cabot St. Cinema Theatre since 1976.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. For more information call the box office at 978-927-3677.

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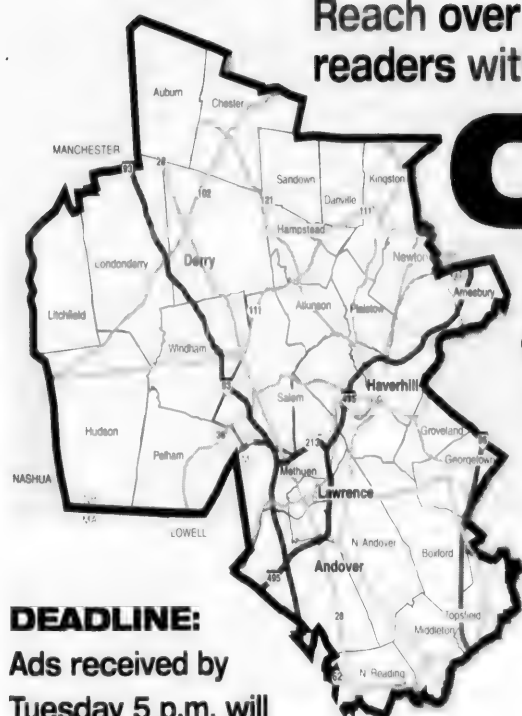
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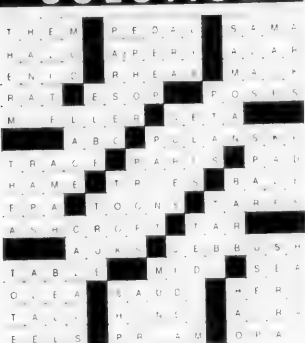
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**01P 2504-EP1  
NOTICE OF  
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ACCOUNT**

To all persons interested in the estate of F. GRANT WAITE late of 10 Blood Road, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of MARY MORAN as temporary Executrix (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the fifteenth day of October, 2002, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

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To all persons interested in the estate of MARGARET A. GORDON late of 16 Florence Street, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810.

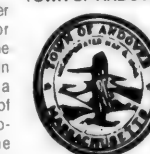
You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of JULIANN GRECOE as Executrix (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the fifteenth day of October, 2002, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as amended, that Palmer's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Palmer's Restaurant and Tavern, 18 Elm Street, Andover, MA 01810, has applied for an alter of premise to their Restaurant All Alcoholic license

### LEGAL NOTICES

Description: First floor; kitchen, pantry, lobby, coat room, enclosed porch, bar area, garden dining room, office and library dining area. Upstairs: two dining rooms. Three bathrooms. Two front entrances/exits and a rear entrance/exit. Two side entrances/exits for kitchen pantry, three fire exits upstairs. Exterior deck.

The public hearing will be held on October 7, 2002 in the Third Floor Conference Room at Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, Massachusetts at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with the General Laws relating thereto.

By Order of the Board of Selectmen Randall L. Hanson Town Clerk September 19, 2002

**OFFICE OF THE  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR IN MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, October 3, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Christine Shanahan, 249 Andover St., Andover MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct an addition to an existing non-conforming structure that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 249 Andover St., Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District and are shown on Assessor's Map 139 as Lot 17. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS September 19 & 26, 2002

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Thomas M. McLaughlin and Deborah A. McLaughlin to Olde Towne Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 1, 1993 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 3852, Page 290, of which mortgage Bank of America, N.A. successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, F.S.B. is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 2002, on the mortgaged premises located at 113 Bailey Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 400 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, MA 01581 for special permits under the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § 6.1.1, § 6.1.11 & § 3.3.2 to replace existing 4' microwave dish at 95' height a.g.l with an 8' dish at 100' height & to replace existing 6' microwave dish located at 83' height with an 8' dish at the same height. Premises affected are located at 169R Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District District and are shown on Assessor Map 219 as Lot 15A. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS September 19 & 26, 2002

**OFFICE OF THE  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR IN MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, October 3, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of James & Sharon Dolan, 66 Eustis Ave., Lowell, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for special permits under Article VIII, § 3.3.4 &/or § 3.3.7 and for a modification of Decision No. 3234 to raze existing conforming dwelling & pre-existing non-conforming 3-stall garage with apartment above to rebuild a 3-unit dwelling & 4-stall garage with apartment above on existing footprints & connect both structures to provide shared egress, which will render the entire non-structure non-conforming that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 437 N. Main St., Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District and are shown on Assessor Map 34 as Lot 5. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS September 19 & 26, 2002

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northerly side of Bailey Road in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 1-A on Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts, as surveyed for Barry Cann, July 12, 1979 Andover Consultants, Inc." and recorded in North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan 8184. Said Lot 1-A is more particularly Bounded and Described as follows:

SOUTHERLY One Hundred Eighty and 00/100 (180.00) feet by the Northerly line of Bailey Road;

WESTERLY Two Hundred Forty One and 11/100 (241.11) feet by land now or formerly of Amand, as shown on said plan;

NORTHERLY One Hundred Seventy Nine and 95/100 (179.95) feet by Parcel "2"; and

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Said Lot 1-A contains 43,561 square feet as shown on said plan.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 1703, Page 265

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, and any and unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER OF BANK OF AMERICA, F.S.B. Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. Lori A. Bolduc, Esquire 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500

September 5, 12 & 19, 2002

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare Inc. are pleased to announce that the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) will conduct an accreditation survey of our organization on October 8, 2002 through October 11, 2002. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate our organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether accreditation should be awarded to, or retained by the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about this organization's conformity with the standards of the Joint Commission may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance and accuracy, and the findings will be included in the survey report. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be received by the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins.

Such requests should be addressed to: Scheduling Department, Joint Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting. This notice is issued in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements

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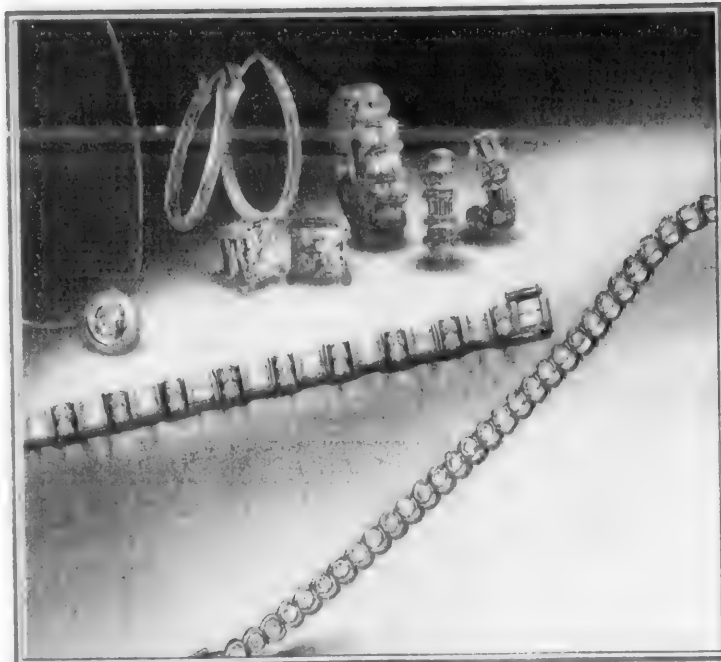
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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## 'Recession-proof' best describes local home-renovation business



By Judy Wakefield

Recession? What recession?

High-tech and investing professionals haven't asked that question in more than a year. They are more than aware of these tough economic times.

But on the home-improvement scene, those three words are the mantra of the contracting business. In spite of recessionary times, contractors are busier than ever with home-improvement projects for customers.

Low interest rates — the lowest in perhaps 40 years — are keeping these home-renovation projects booming, especially around Andover. Home equity loans are fueling the hot contracting business.

"We're doing a ton of renovations. And, Andover is our bread and butter," said Bill Cote of Cote & Foster Contracting in Methuen. "If people like where they are, they are adding on, not moving on."

Cote's customers also talk to him about skyrocketing real estate in Andover.

"They outgrow the house, but they find out that spending a lot of money for a new house is really a lateral move. Usually, that next house needs work, too. That's when they start thinking about adding on," said Cote who has been in the contracting business for 18 years.

The tear-down business is also keeping contractors such as Cote busy.

"I have a lot of work on the seacoast (around Hampton, N.H.) and people think nothing of spending \$400,000 to \$500,000 for a house and tearing it down. It's all about a desirable location," he said.

Jean Scarpa of Andover agrees 100 percent that location is the key when it comes to home-improvement projects. You don't spend the money unless you really like your neighborhood she says. And she loves hers.

It's a neighborhood in every sense of the word, she said of her Shadow Lane address, located off Westminster Roadway, near Andover Country Club.

"There are tons of kids and really nice people," she said. "That's why we're doing this." Scarpa's massive home-improvement project has been ongoing for the past two years.

Scarpa is married to Carmen Scarpa, who graduated from Andover High School in 1982, then Harvard University and is currently a partner with a Boston-based venture-capital firm. They bought the brick-front contemporary home four years ago. The outside of the house has not changed much, but inside and in the backyard, there is a whole new look.

The Scarpas hired Cote two years ago for kitchen and bathroom renovations. Satisfied with the work, the Scarpas again hired Cote for a family room and to turn the basement into a weight room with some play space for the couple's three children — Alicia, 10, C.J., 7, and Nicholas, 5.

The back side of the 7,500-square-foot house with one acre of land is covered with new windows overlooking the latest addition to the home-improvement project — a heated, built-in pool surrounded by stamped concrete, a pond stocked with Koi fish and a heated Jacuzzi. "It used to be a pile of dirt and there was a swing set," Jean said of her former backyard. Things started to change last April when the pool was put in.

Now, the focus is on the landscaping. Professionally landscaped and offering plants and flowers that will provide color every season, surrounded by black wrought iron fencing. It's a backyard haven for Jean, who grew up in the city of Everett and simply loves to be outdoors.

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Top: The back view of 1 Shadow Lane certainly has changed quite a bit. Changes include new windows in the kitchen and a new in-ground pool. The front view has not changed much during a two-year renovation project. Above, Jean Scarpa sits poolside, while the equipment behind her was used to level an area to be used by her three kids for playing sports.

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## Minor projects: Save energy and money by upgrading the appliances in your home

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According to the Department of Energy, the typical US family spends close to \$1,300 a year on their home's utility bills and many spend much more. Unfortunately, a large portion of that energy is wasted. By using a few inexpensive energy-efficient measures, you can reduce your energy bills by 10 to 50 percent and help reduce air pollution.

Energy-efficient improvements not only make homes more comfortable, they can yield long-term financial rewards. Reduced operating costs can more than make up for the higher price of energy-efficient appliances and improvements over their lifetimes.

Improvements may also qualify some people for an energy efficiency mortgage, which allows lenders to use a higher-than-normal debt-to-income ratio to calculate loan potential. In addition, such a home will likely have a higher resale value.

We have listed a few common appliances and ideas to help you save on energy costs.

For more energy-efficiency tips, homeowners can call the Department of Energy at 800-DOE-3732 or visit <www.energysavers.gov> to order a free, 36-page Energy Savers booklet. The Energy Savers campaign, developed by the Department of Energy in partnership with Owens Corning, provides Americans with more than 100 easy and practical energy-efficiency tips and projects.

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### ■ Dishwasher ■

A dishwasher typically uses the equivalent of 700-850 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, or nearly as much energy as a clothes dryer or freezer. About 80 percent of this energy is used, not to run the machine, but to heat the water for washing the dishes.

#### You can:

Use 50 percent less electricity when running your dishwasher.

Cut your water consumption in half on every load.

#### Look for:

The most water-efficient dishwashers currently on the market use about 5 gallons of hot water per load, or less than half as much as the least efficient ones. When buying a dishwasher:

- Compare annual operation costs shown on the Energy Guide label.
- Choose a model with several different wash cycle selections.
- Look for an option for heat-drying and air-drying.
- Opt for a feature that senses how dirty the dishes are and runs appropriate cleaning cycles.
- Get a multiple-level wash system.
- Select a dishwasher with a thermostat and heating capability.

#### Save Money:

Buying the correct size appliance for your needs is critical to saving money, energy, and water. In dishwashers, there are compact and standard-capacity units. Compact models use less energy and water per load, so you may actually consume more energy operating them more frequently. The following tips help you to save even more:



Always operate a dishwasher with a full load. If this isn't possible, use an energy-saving cycle.

Select the no heat-drying option, if your machine has it. If not, stop the machine before the drying cycle begins, and open the door to let dishes air-dry.

Scrape, don't rinse, off large food pieces and bones. Soaking or prewashing is generally only recommended in cases of burned-on or dried-on food.

Don't use the "rinse hold" on your machine for just a few soiled dishes. It uses 3 to 7 gallons of hot water each time you use it.

Let your dishes air dry; if you don't have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the control knob after the final rinse and prop the door open a little so the dishes will dry faster.

### ■ Washer ■

The common household clothes washer wastes more energy and money than nearly every other home appliance.

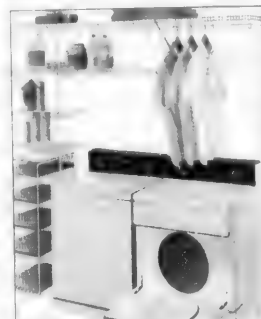
#### You can:

- Spend 30-75 percent less on operating costs.
- Use 50 percent less water.
- Cut energy use by 50 percent.
- Reduce the environmental and health costs resulting from energy waste.

#### Look for:

A clothes washer model with the Energy Star label or a super-efficient model to ensure that you get an appliance with a superior design that requires less water and energy to get clothes thoroughly clean. Look for machines with:

- Several options to adjust water level.
- A minibasket insert that fits over the agitator for smaller loads.
- Presoaking and/or "suds saver" options, which conserve energy.



Faster spin speeds, which remove more water and shorten drying time.

### ■ Dryer ■

The clothes dryer uses more electricity than every appliance after the refrigerator, and costs about \$85 to operate annually. A typical clothes dryer will cost \$1,100 to operate over its lifetime.

#### You can:

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- Be gentle on your clothes and avoid over drying.

#### Look For:

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## ■ Toilets ■

Toilet flushing accounts for 45 percent of indoor water use, or approximately 32,000 gallons per year for a family of four using five to seven gallons-per-flush toilets. That's \$56 a year per toilet based on the average cost of water (\$1.76 per 1,000 gallons), for those still using inefficient toilets.

## You can:

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## Look for:

Toilets installed prior to 1994 use 3.5 to 7 gallons (13-27 liters) of water per flush and as much as 20 gallons (76 liters) per person per day. In addition, an average of 20 percent of toilets leak, wasting up to 200 gallons a day. You can save a significant amount of water and reduce your utility, wastewater, and water bills, by doing the following:

- Install an ultra low-flow toilet that requires only 1.6 gallons (6 liters) per flush.
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- Check toilets periodically for leaks, and repair them promptly.
- Reduce tank capacity by placing a one-gallon plastic jug of water or gravel, or two one-quart bottles in the tank.
- Install a "dam" that partitions off a section of the tank so it can't fill with water.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.

## ■ Shower ■

Showers consume up to 37 percent of the hot water used in a typical home.

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There are many showerheads that are available that comply with the new 2.5-gallon flow rate required by the federal efficiency standard. Various brands offer different levels of improved shower quality, flow rates, and performance characteristics. When replacing your showerhead, keep these suggestions in mind to help you save money on your water bill.

Select a brand with features that will minimize your shower time, and avoid purchasing products that prolong it, like shower radios.

If you have well water or public water from an older municipal system, select a brand specifically designed to maximize satisfaction with low-pressure water output.

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## ■ Computer ■

The average annual home office energy bill in the United States is \$135. However, by purchasing an Energy Star-compliant computer, monitor, and fax machine, the average home office can cut its energy bill by as much as 45 percent.

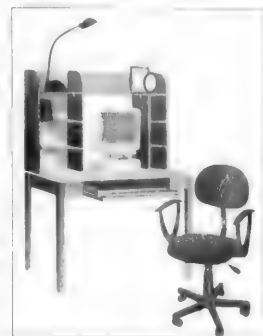
## You can:

- Cut electricity use 25 percent per computer.
- Cut your utility bill anywhere from \$7 to \$52.
- Create a cooler, more comfortable work space.
- Reduce air conditioning costs

## Look for:

Many computers have a built-in feature that automatically powers the unit down to 15 percent of its maximum power after 15-30 minutes of inactivity. Deep sleep modes offer even greater energy and money savings when the CPU is not in use for 60-70 minutes. Save energy and money by:

- Choosing Energy Star-compliant computers
- Ensuring that your computer's power management feature is enabled.
- Selecting an efficient processor that meets your needs (not necessarily the fastest).
- Getting a model with an environmental sensor to optimize the power consumption.



## ■ Water Heater

Water heating is the third largest energy expense in your home (after space heating and cool-

ing). It typically accounts for about 14 percent of your utility bill.

## You can:

- Reduce energy consumption by 50 percent.

## Look for:

If your gas water heater is more than 10 years old, its efficiency is probably no higher than 50 percent. It would be cost-effective to replace your old water heater with a new, higher-efficiency model. In selecting your water heater, keep these tips in mind:

- Select the appropriate first-hour rating (FHR).
- Look for the Energy Guide label.
- If you are in a moderate climate (i.e., with relatively low heating loads), consider a Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH).
- Owning a larger tank doesn't necessarily mean a higher FHR.
- Everything else being equal,



select a water heater with the highest energy factor (EF).

## Save Money:

There are four ways to cut your water heating bills:

- Use less hot water, turn down the thermostat on your water heater.
- Insulate your water heater
- Buy a new, more efficient water heater.
- A family of four, each showering for five minutes a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week; this is enough for a three-year supply of drinking water for one person. You can cut that amount in half simply by using low-flow aerating showerheads and faucets.

## ■ Heating ■

Heating is the largest energy expense in most homes, accounting for almost two-thirds of annual energy bills in colder areas of the country. Reducing

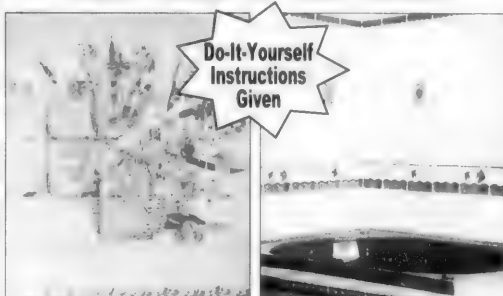
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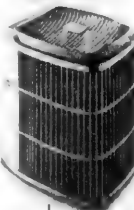
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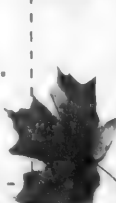
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## How to safeguard a home against ice

(MS) — If your ceilings or walls have been ruined as a result of water seepage this past winter, then you probably know more than you ever wanted to about the effects of an ice dam. In fact, severe weather conditions mean that thousands of homeowners in cold-weather areas experience this situation first-hand every winter, with costly consequences.

Ice dams usually form when warm temperatures inside a home or an early spring thaw cause snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains. Because water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home through shingles. This seepage can cause extensive damage to a home's interior, particularly to

roof decking, walls, ceilings, interior carpets and flooring.

"Ice dams cost the public millions of dollars each year," says Chris Cawley, senior vice president of customer service and chief claims officer for MetLife Auto & Home.

"Prevention is an important key to avoiding the damage that an ice dam can create," says Cawley. "Consumers can learn how to further safeguard their property."

There are steps homeowners can take to minimize the effects of an ice dam if one has already occurred, or to prevent an ice dam from occurring in the future.

• If possible, keep snow off the roof by using a snow rake. This will help reduce the amount of snow that can melt



Protect your roof from ice damage.

and form an ice dam. Do not climb on the roof to clear the snow as serious injury may result. And remember, be cautious of electrical wires.

• Do not chop the ice. Not only can it harm the roof, it creates falling ice chunks that can cause severe damage to other parts of the building, shrubs, and

vehicles — not to mention injuries to an unsuspecting passerby. In fact, careless removal of ice can cause more damage than the water seepage.

• Identify water entry points within the building. It is often possible to capture entering water before it causes any significant damage by placing a plastic barrier under the dripping water and redirecting it to a drain or temporary drain hose. Some people may wish to contact a contractor to locate these entry points and take the appropriate actions.

• Have a professional install electric heating cables. These cables warm the eaves where the ice generally forms. The cables are only effective at temperatures close to the freezing point.

## Protect children from dangerous substances

As homeowners embark on home-improvement projects, they should pay heed to their children's welfare. When remodeling, painting or buying a new residence, certain dangerous substances may be present that can be potentially dangerous to youngsters and to adults.

These simple steps, courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can help save children from environmental hazards around the home:

1. Always store pesticides and other household chemicals, including chlorine bleach, out of children's reach — preferably in a locked cabinet.
2. Always read directions carefully because pesticide products, household cleaning products, and pet products can be "dangerous" or ineffective if too much or too little is used.
3. Before applying pesticides or other household chemicals, remove children and their toys, as well as pets, from the area. Keep children and pets away until the pesticide has dried or as long as is recommended on the label.
4. If use of a pesticide or other household chemical is interrupted (perhaps by a phone call), properly reclose the container and remove it from children's reach. Always use household products in child-resistant packaging.
5. Never transfer pesticides to other containers that children may associate with food or drink (like soda bottles), and

never place rodent or insect baits where small children can get to them.

6. When applying insect repellents to children, read all directions first: do not apply over cuts, wounds or irritated skin; do not apply to eyes, mouth, hands or directly on the face; and use just enough to cover exposed skin or clothing, but do not use under clothing.
7. Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often, and regularly clean floors, window sills and other surfaces to reduce potential exposure to lead dust.
8. Get children tested for lead if there's a suspicion that he or she has been exposed to lead in either your home or neighborhood.
9. Inquire about lead hazards. When buying or renting a home or apartment built before 1978, the seller or landlord is now required to disclose known lead hazards.
10. If a homeowner suspects that lead-based paint has been used in their home or if they plan to remodel or renovate, they should get their home tested. They should not attempt to remove lead paint themselves.

Call 800-424-LEAD for guidelines. For more information about pesticides, call the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network at 800-858-7378. For more information about lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-LEADFYI.



## Home improvements that help the environment

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energy use for heating is the single most effective way to reduce your home's contribution to global environmental problems.

#### You can:

- Reduce your bill by 40 percent (oil or gas homes).
- Save as much as 30-40 percent (electric heated homes).

#### Look for:

Heating systems are designed to make up for the rate of heat losses that occur during the heating season. When selecting your heating system:

- Compare annual heating costs of each system by looking at the Energy Guide label.
- Invest in the highest efficiency system available if you live in a cold climate.
- Specify sealed combustion when buying gas and oil systems.
- Consider installing an energy-efficient heat pump system (electric heated homes).
- Select a heat pump with a higher Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF).
- Choose a heat pump with a demand-defrost control.

### ■ More energy-saving kitchen tips ■

Be sure to place the faucet lever on the kitchen sink in the cold position when using small amounts of water; placing the

lever in the hot position uses energy to heat the water even though it never reaches the faucet.

If you need to purchase a gas oven or range, look for one with an automatic, electric ignition system. An electric ignition saves gas — because a pilot light is not burning continuously.

In gas appliances, look for blue flames; yellow flames indicate the burning inefficiently and an adjustment may be needed. Consult your manufacturer or your local utility.

Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean; they will reflect the heat better and you will save energy.

Use a covered kettle or pan to boil water; it's faster and it uses less energy.

Match the size of the pan to the heating element.

If you cook with electricity, turn the stovetop burners off several minutes before the allotted cooking time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without using more electricity. The same principle applies to oven cooking.

Use small electric pans or toaster ovens for small meals rather than your large stove or oven. A toaster oven uses a third to half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Use pressure cookers and microwave ovens whenever it is convenient to do so. They can save energy by significantly reducing cooking time.



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A place to play ball was also a must for this backyard, and that, too, is included in the plans, along with a basketball court.

"We have to have that," laughed Jeanne, who enjoys working out. She teaches spinning at Andover Training Station while her husband is also a sports nut. He proudly displays his encased basketballs signed by Michael Jordan in the front bay window of his home. He got them after attending a Michael Jordan fantasy camp.

"We don't take off on weekends for the Cape or wherever. We like to be home and the kids like to be with their friends. So, this is what we wanted. It's all here," Jean said.

Indeed it is, as Cote's latest

project also includes a pretty backyard cabana. It's a one-stall garage on the first floor with space to hide the pool filter on the back side. There will also be a washer and dryer and a first-floor bathroom with easy access to the pool. Pool guests will use this space instead of entering the house dripping wet. There is also an outside shower.

On the second floor of this cabana, the heated and air-conditioned guest suite is under construction. It includes a full bathroom and breakfast nook.

"It's perfect for company, like my in-laws who visit from Florida. It's nice and private, if they want some privacy," Jean said.

Home improvement is all about location for homeowners like the Scarpas. And, 1 Shadow Lane is exactly where the Scarpas want to be.

The Scarpas' cabana features a guest suite on top of the garage, complete with breakfast nook and full bathroom. Inset: Jean Scarpa talks with contractors Bill Cote and Steve Foster of Cote & Foster Contracting of Methuen.



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# New technology brightens kitchens and baths

(MS) — Lighting in kitchens and bathrooms has improved beyond Thomas Edison's wildest dreams — just as the rooms themselves have evolved dramatically. Today's new kitchens feature expansive islands and wide-open spaces, while today's bathroom often functions as a luxurious hide-away, complete with Roman tub, spa and a variety of pampering fixtures.

To provide adequate lighting for such vastly different rooms,

designers have developed an array of new technology, from greatly improved low-voltage specialty systems to new incandescent fixtures that use halogen or xenon bulbs, and new fluorescent sources that offer greatly improved CRI (color rendering) and CCT (color temperature).

So, how can one take advantage of these new lighting systems? Whether one is building a new home or simply want to add new life to an existing one, good lighting design is based on a

system the experts call "layering." Instead of simply mounting a fixture to provide light, layering produces more interesting spaces by balancing the decorative and functional aspects of lighting.

An effective kitchen or bath lighting system will serve one of four major functions — and there is a host of innovative new products available for each of them:

**Ambient or general lighting:** Today's new fluorescent lighting offers excellent color rendering for general lighting in kitchens and baths. New designs offer fixtures that are beautifully encased in wood with the latest designer finishes and accents. Or, one can use recessed fixtures for general lighting, taking advantage of today's new compact fluorescent lamps.

**Task lighting:** Low-voltage pendants or recessed low-voltage lighting over a kitchen island provide excellent task lighting for this busy workspace. Under the cabinets, try low-voltage linear lighting instead of fluorescent fixtures.

**Supplemental task lighting:** Recessed low-voltage lighting is an ideal choice to provide supplemental task lighting in counterspace work areas in kitchens or baths.

**Accent lighting:** Small, adjustable and directional track fixtures are useful for accenting countertop or cabinet displays. Or, one can highlight special items by displaying them in glass-front cabinets illuminated with innovative new fixtures.

Another popular accent

approach uses low-voltage linear lighting under the toe space of a bath cabinet for night lighting. Finally, one can add another layer of light altogether by lighting above one's cabinets with low-voltage linear lighting.

The alternatives could go on and on, limited only by one's

creativity. As kitchens and bath designs continue to evolve, the lighting industry will continue to develop new technologies and new products that respond to the ongoing changes in the way we use these functional and comfortable spaces.



A variety of lighting fixtures can be blended together to create the right amount of illumination and ambiance for a kitchen or bath.

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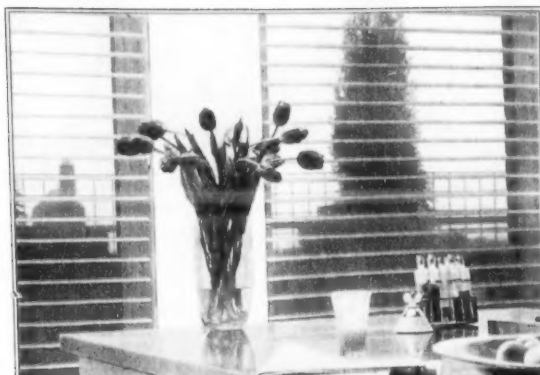
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## Real estate agents answer: What projects should be done before selling your home?

By Thea Shapiro

Andover homeowners live in a community where houses sell even when the market is soft.

If you are planning to sell an older home, what can you do to increase its value? Realtors advise sellers to pursue the projects that will add the most value with the least investment. For example, should you spend \$30,000 to redo an entire kitchen? Probably not, says Janice Furey, a realtor with Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors in Andover. You may not get your investment back. However, resurfacing kitchen cabinets and counter tops and painting walls are a good ideas.

Tom Carroll, president of Re/Max Partners, agrees. "If the kitchen and bath are out of date, update them. Get new cabinets, and countertops, also consider flooring if it's in bad shape."

Carroll recommends refinishing dull hardwood floors throughout the home. "It's not terribly expensive, and it adds value."

Curb appeal — how attractive a house is from the outside — is extremely important. Both realtors stress that potential buy-

ers decide within the first 30 seconds of seeing a house whether they want to go in. The house needs to look fresh from the outside. Paint if the paint is peeling, clean the walkways and be sure they are in good shape, trim the shrubs, mow the lawn and put out a few colorful flow-

ers. Carroll says "If the house looks cared for on the outside, people will want to go in, and will feel the house has been well maintained."

Carroll also suggests having a yard sale before putting the house on the market. The less clutter, the more organized, the lighter and brighter a home feels, the more attractive it is to buyers.

Also consider having the heating system serviced and your sump pump checked before the inspection. No seller wants surprises.

Before doing any major projects, Carroll and Furey agree, have a broker come to the home and walk through with you. They know what potential buyer are looking for, and they can help people make and save money.



## Skylights add natural light to any room

Today's homeowner is in constant search of ways to make the home not only more attractive, but also more energy efficient. Skylights have proven to be a simple improvement that attains both goals. The varieties of skylights available today are now even more numerous than their benefits and can be found in homes and office buildings everywhere. Is your home ready for skylights? Read on to find out.

Skylights lend a unique air to any room and some homeowners find the aesthetically pleasing. By letting natural light in, they can provide with warmth

and a feeling of spaciousness. They are also functional by reducing the need for electric lighting. In cold-weather climates they help trim energy bills by adding natural warmth. And clear skylights can give an unobstructed view to a starry night sky.

Skylight frames are constructed of a rugged combination of metal, vinyl and wood. The exterior frames tend to be aluminum cladding with some sort of durable finish, while the inside is often made of solid wood, plywood or vinyl. Although most homes have similar styles, there are a variety of

available choices on the market: dome, flat, pyramid, round, hip ridge, ridge, polygon, lean-to, and barrel vault.

Some skylights are glazed with acrylic or polycarbonate, others with glass. Plastic windows are lightweight, economical choices. Their primary benefit is that they are less likely than glass to break. Because they are molded, they come only in the standard sizes and shapes noted above.

According to <hometips.com> many people prefer glass windows because they don't scratch as easily as plastic and

because they are available in a larger variety of sizes and types. Glass is available in single, double or triple glazing. If high-energy costs are a concern, energy-saving low-E glass or argon-gas-filled panes are available. For protection against ultra-violet (UV) rays, bronze-tinted or other UV-blocking glass is available to keep furniture and carpet from fading. Other options for eliminating or reducing the sun include built-in blinds, horizontal curtains or shades and UV-blocking insect screens.

## Would you consider a vent-free fireplace?

(WMS) — Homeowners' continuing love affair with vent-free gas hearth products has sent a loud and clear message to manufacturers: it pays to invest in new features for vent-free gas products. The result is that this heating season has revealed an abundance of new, innovative features designed to please most any homeowner.

• Realistic logs. Immediately apparent in any showroom for hearth products is that vent-free gas-log sets are now nearly indistinguishable from real wood. New highly durable gas log materials produce an extremely realistic glowing ember bed. Many log sets also have random flame patterns closely resembling a real wood fire. With some products, you can even adjust the flame height and heat setting from an optional remote control. And with the extra-large glass panels that now come with some vent-free gas fireplaces, you get generous, unobstructed views of an entrancing hearth.

• Heating comfort advances. In addition to the beauty and remarkable 99 percent efficiency of vent-free gas hearth appliances, now manufacturers have introduced several new heating comfort features, including thermostatic controls that automatically adjust to maintain the desired heat output, convenient warming shelves and variable-speed fans that are heat-activated to keep the room at the desired level of warmth. One fireplace even allows an extended choice of Btu inputs — ranging from 39,000 to 8,000 Btu — in the same product.

Across the country, sales of vent-free gas space heaters, fireplaces, logs, inserts and stoves continue to make vent-free appliances one of the fastest-growing gas heating products on the market.

Many homeowners purchase vent-free gas products for emergency heating during power outages caused by severe storms. Most of the products do not use electricity, so they provide quick



One can beautify and heat any room in the house with a versatile vent-free supplemental heating appliance.

and plentiful heating even when the power goes down. Vent-free supplemental gas heating products operate on natural gas or propane.

Another key benefit is flexibility of placement. Vent-free gas appliances can be easily and inexpensively installed anywhere in the home where there's access to a gas line, without the need for a hole-in-the-wall or roof, a vent, or a chimney. Many heating engineers, home builders, contractors and specifiers have found that vent-free gas heating appliances can save as much as 60 percent on installation costs.

Safe and clean burning. Every vent-free gas product sold in the United States is equipped with a precision-engineered Oxygen Detection Safety-Pilot (ODS), which automatically shuts off the gas supply if the oxygen level in the room approaches a defined minimum set by the National Product

Safety Standard. This safety standard requires the product to satisfy many construction and performance requirements. Over the 20 years since the introduction of the ODS in 1980, vent-free gas products have accumulated an outstanding safety record, with installations in more than nine million American homes.

The Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance is a coalition of 24 members of the Vent-Free Gas Products Division of the Arlington, Va., based Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). For more information, including a free, 16-page consumer guide to vent-free gas products and a CD-ROM that allows hyperlinks to manufacturers who make products, write to the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance at 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201. Or, visit them online at <www.gamanet.org/consumer/ventfree>.

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# Finding the inner beauty of a home

By Mike LaBella

In June of 1899 Jay W. Hill, son of an English gentleman and organist for the Universalist Church on Summer Street in Haverhill, presented a piano recital in his home at 114 Chestnut St.

It was just one of many music recitals which took place at this three-story Victorian style house erected just nine years earlier. Hill died in New York City in 1921 and since then the house has passed through several hands.

"I often pause to think what it would have been like to attend one of his recitals," said Patricia (Trish) Shaw, 41, who along with her husband Robert (Woody) Shaw, 43, purchased Hill's old home two years ago. "I can picture horse and buggies pulling up to the front door, and people dressed in their Sunday best entering a home which would have been lit by gas light."

Since moving out of their cramped three-bedroom home in Bradford the Shaws have invested countless hours of toil, as well as money, into bringing the home back to the way it may have looked more than a century ago.

"When the real-estate agent took us to see it, we didn't know what to think," said Mrs. Shaw. "The best way to describe it was dilapidated, neglected and beyond filth."

Scarred plaster walls, carpeting that was so dirty one professional refused to shampoo it, water-damaged ceilings and electrical wires ready to short circuit any minute were just a few things that needed to be corrected to bring the place back to its former glory.

But despite the momentous renovation project facing them, the Shaws saw potential for a home that offered 3,800 square feet of living space.

**"It was a dump, I was a little unsure about taking on this much work as it seemed like everything needed to be replaced. But we looked beyond the surface and realized it was a solidly built house that offered the kind of space our family needed."**

ROBERT (WOODY) SHAW  
ON REPAIRING A HOME BUILT IN THE 1800s

With then newly born twin boys, a 4-year-old daughter, and a 29-year-old stepbrother with disabilities, the Shaws were tripping over each other in their Bradford home.

Hill's old Victorian offered six bedrooms, four bathrooms, a cavernous 15x30 foot third-floor play room, three fireplaces, formal dining and living rooms, large kitchen with adjoining sun room, and an old-world charm hidden behind the disrepair.

"It was a dump," said Mr. Shaw. "I was a little unsure about taking on this much work as it seemed like everything needed to be replaced. But we looked beyond the surface and realized it was a solidly built house that offered the kind of space our family needed."

After moving the family in during March of 2001 the Shaws began a room-by-room renovation project that absorbed every spare minute of their time. Most of that year was spent tearing out enough debris to fill four large rented dumpsters to the brim with the remnants of prior renovations.

Mr. Shaw, who runs his own plumbing business, hired tradesmen to help replace all the damaged walls and ceilings, and electrical wiring as needed, doing the bulk of the work himself in order to save money.

Mrs. Shaw concentrated on bringing her vision to life with help from an interior decorator.

Picture frame moldings that accented walls in the dining, living room, and foyer were stripped of their former dull gold and sickly green and repainted in burgundy and white. Wallpaper imprinted with Victorian urns and vines provide texture and a hint of warmth, as do window treatments which round out the theme.

Hardwood floors, blackened by age, were sanded and refinished and now reveal their natural wood color.

"I wanted a simple, classic, yet somewhat elegant look," said Mrs. Shaw who was aiming for a traditional style and feel that would stand the test of time.

A closet in the foyer which hid one of the home's three fireplaces was torn down and Mr. Shaw replaced mantle and trim pieces, then installed a new tile hearth to replace the original hearth, which was missing.

A sun room attached to the kitchen was leaning away from the house and needed to be jacked up before the installation of new support beams.

Upstairs rooms were in somewhat better shape but still required patching and painting before they were livable.

Two-year-old twins, Christopher and Kevin, share a room painted blue with white trim. Daughter Jennifer, 7, picked ballerina wallpaper trim for hers.

Mrs. Shaw's stepbrother, Cameron Lemert, chose a light

grey paint for his room in what Mr. Shaw believes was a servant's room years ago. "Before we cleaned and painted it was a smelly, dark dungeon," said Mr. Shaw.

Renovations are far from finished as the Shaws are planning to combine two small upstairs bedrooms into one master bedroom for themselves in the near future. "It's a matter of time, and money," said Mrs. Shaw.

When it came to the kitchen, now the family's favorite place to gather, it was sheer devastation. Mr. Shaw estimates he removed six tons of debris while stripping walls and ceilings back down to the structural studs and beams.

Broken down cabinets, which Mr. Shaw believes were not the original cabinets, were replaced with \$10,000 worth of red birch cabinets. New appliances, counters, sinks, and recessed ceiling lights make the kitchen the most modern room in the house.

While the kitchen was undergoing renovation Mrs. Shaw cooked her family's meals in the dining room using microwave ovens, toasters, crock pots and electric frying pans.

The home's furnishings are a mixture of new and old. Two velvet love seats once owned by Mr. Shaw's grandmother grace the formal living room. An electric organ once owned by Mr. Shaw's great aunt Patricia rests in one corner.

"Almost every piece has a history and sentimental value to us," said Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. Shaw's late father contributed an antique-style Italian marble chess set with table and chairs, a marble telephone and matching stand, and for the foyer, his old hat rack — with hat.

Mike LaBella writes for the Haverhill Gazette.

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## Consider insurance when remodeling your home

You're about to start the home remodeling project you have been planning for months. You know exactly how you want it to look, down to the last detail. You have all the supplies and materials you need. But have you thought about insurance? If not, you may not be ready to begin, according to Steven Paul, vice president at <Insurance.com>, an online insurance resource.

A home renovation can be a substantial investment for homeowners. Thus, it's important to think about how it might affect your insurance needs before hiring a contractor or starting a do-it-yourself project.

"Renovations can have a tremendous effect on a home — adding an owner's personality, repairing previous damage and usually increasing the property's value," said Paul. "Most projects, however, can trigger some

If you're adding on to a house, consult with your carrier or agent to determine if an increase in coverage is needed to protect the value of the new addition.

simple insurance issues that homeowners often don't address."

The following tips from <Insurance.com> can help you get ready to renovate:

- Check the property coverage limits on your homeowner's policy to make sure that they reflect any changes made to the home. If you're adding on to a house, consult with your carrier or agent to determine if an increase in coverage is needed to protect the value of the new addition.

- Make sure that the remodeling project meets local building

codes. Otherwise, damages may not be covered by insurance.

- Check with your local Better Business Bureau. Find out if any complaints have been filed against any contractor being considered for a project. Ask to see the contractor's license.

- Confirm that your contractor is properly insured. Obtain copies of the contractor's insurance coverage. Get the certificate directly from the insurance agency. Find out if a subcontractor is involved and obtain a copy of the subcontracting company's proof of insurance.

Any contractor should have a

certificate of coverage for both workers' compensation and contractor's liability insurance. Workers' compensation coverage protects the homeowner from liability claims that can result from a contractor's injury on the job. Contractor's liability insurance provides coverage for damages to the property caused by the contractor during remodeling.

- Don't forget to insure your materials. Make sure that building materials and other uninstalled items (such as carpet, tile and cabinets) stored on your property are covered against theft and vandalism.

- Keep your insurance carrier or agent up-to-date. Notify him or her about any improvements to the home.

For more tips, log on to <www.insurance.com>.

## Is there a metal roof in your home's future?

(WMS) — The popularity of metal roofing goes back centuries. The ancient Greeks and Romans installed metal roofs on major public buildings, and the cathedrals and castles of medieval Europe were protected by metal roofs — many of which are still in service today.

More recently, however, metal roofing has begun showing up in more and more residential applications, due in large part to the development of advanced new zinc-aluminum alloys and polymer coatings like Kynar-based finishes. The new metal roofing panels are long-lived (typically backed by a lifetime warranty), and offer a variety of benefits for both new construction and re-roofing projects, including:

- Aesthetic appeal — In addition to the sleek, clean lines of standing-seam metal roofing, today's innovative new products can also successfully replicate the look of traditional residential materials like wood shingles, slate and terra cotta tile.

- Lightweight — This is particularly important in re-roofing



A low-maintenance decorative option for a home is installing a metal roof.

projects, where metal roofs are typically installed directly over the old roof, eliminating tear-off and disposal costs.

- Fire resistance — In the wake of this year's devastating wildfires, the Class-A fire rating

earned by most metal roofing systems is even more appealing to homeowners.

- Energy efficiency — Today's metal roofing systems can provide significant energy savings in both warm- and cold-

weather climates. With adequate insulation, a metal roof's R-values often greatly exceed the ratings for comparable installations using traditional asphalt, wood or tile roofing.

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